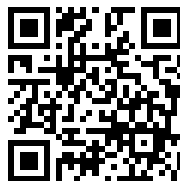


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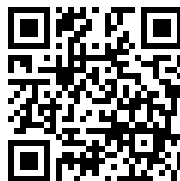


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- 4 THACKERAY (W. M.) A. L. s. 1 p. 4to, *Frystone Hall, Ferrybridge, Feb. 15, 1857*:  
 I received your letter this morning as I was leaving Halifax, and exceedingly regret that I should have caused trouble and disappointment to my auditory at Leeds. I could not communicate sooner with you, hoping until the last that I should have been able to keep my engagement for Friday, but even on Saturday night I had only just strength enough to get through my work at Halifax, etc.
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- 6 HOOD (T.) A. L. s. 1 p. 4to, *Islington, 27th Sept. 1823*, to J. Montgomery, asking him to subscribe to his "Muse's Almanack," mentions C. Lamb, etc.; A. L. s. 1 p. 4to, *23rd April, 1828*, to the same, mentioning Sir W. Scott (2)
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- 8 SCOTT (Sir Walter) A. L. s. 1½ pp. 4to, *Abbotsford, 4 January (1824)*, interesting letter to J. Montgomery, *with seal*, saying that he has been "so long out of the habit of writing poetry that my Pegasus has become very restive. In reference to chimney sweeps, he writes :  
     . . . . I assure you I am a sincere friend to the cause you have so effectually patronized, and in building my house at this place, I have taken particular care by the construction of the vents that no such cruelty shall be practised within its precincts, etc.
- 9 SCOTT (Sir W.) A. L. s. 1 p. 8vo, *undated*, apparently to James Hogg, containing an interesting reference to the demolition of the old Tolbooth at Edinburgh, and to the law of child murder
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. . . . Permit me to caution you not to speak of my sisters when you write to me. I mean do not use the word in the plural. "Ellis Bell" will not endure to be alluded to under any other appellation than the "nom de plume." I committed a grand error in betraying his identity to you and Mr. Smith—it was inadvertent—the words "we are three sisters" escaped me before I was aware, I regretted the avowal the moment I had made it; I regret it bitterly now, for I find it is against every feeling and intention of "Ellis Bell."

Of the unhappiness of her life as a governess, she says :

. . . . The only glimpses of society I have ever had were obtained in my vocation of governess, and some of the most miserable moments I can recall were passed in drawing rooms full of strange faces. At such times my animal spirits would ebb gradually till they sank quite away, etc.

- 20 COLERIDGE (S. T.) A. L. s. 2¼ pp. 4to, *Highgate, 26 Jan'y. 1819*, to Charles A. Tulk, *fine letter*, referring to Shakespeare's "King Lear," etc.

- 21 BRONTË (Charlotte) A. L. s. 2 pp. 8vo, *Decr. 10th, 1852*, to Mrs. Smith, on an intended visit to London :

. . . . It will be about eighteen months since I bid you good-bye in Euston Square; the interim has not always been one of good health to me, and I must expect that friends, who have not seen me for a year and a half, will find some change. Latterly, however, I have felt much better, etc.

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- I am glad to hear of you again and much obliged for those two portraits of Emerson. The painted one I cannot endure, but the actual shadow by *the Sun* (who aims at nothing but the truth) is beautiful and very interesting to me, etc.
- 27 CARLYLE (T.) A. L. s. 4 pp. 8vo, *The Grange, Alresford*, 26th *Sept.* 1848, to Ballantyne. A very interesting Letter in reference to a quarrel between Ballantyne and Espinasse as to the rights of correction
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- 31 FITZ-GERALD (Edward) Translator of the Omar Khayyam, A. L. s. (initials), 4 pp. 8vo, *Woodbridge*, *July* 27, 1873, to Edwin Edwards, *with addressed envelope*, criticising some etchings, etc.:
- . . . . I do think your *Trees* in general want more discrimination of foliage; and that, in several cases, the extreme leaves and twigs stand out more distinct than such objects can appear to stand on a light—sometimes a *white* sky; which surely *disindicates* sharp outline, etc.



- 32 THACKERAY (W. M.) A most amusing rhymed Letter in his Autograph, addressed to Dean Hole, 36, *Onslow Sq.*, *January 26*:  
MY DEAR HOLE,

Did I ever write and comply with your desire. To have a page of autograph? You're welcome to a quire. Tell your friend the lady (Mrs. Mansfield Parkyns) I have no pleasure higher than in writing pretty poetry and striking of the lyre in compliment to a gentleman whom benevolence did inspire to send me pheasants and partridges killed with shot or wire (but whatever the way of killing them I equally admire) and who of such kind practices I trust will never tire. May you bring your birds down every time you fire. This, my noble sportsman, is the fond desire

Of W. M. THACKERAY Editor and Esquire.

Also a Letter from Dean Hole to Mrs. Parkyns enclosing the above (2)

- 33 GLADSTONE (Rt. Hon. W. E.) A. L. s. 4 pp. 8vo, *Hawarden, Oct. 4*, 1859, to the Attorney General, afterwards Lord Westbury, on the subject of the Stamp Duties

- 34 WELLINGTON (Duke of) A. L. third person, 1½ pp. 8vo, to M. Cushing. — MACAULAY (Lord) A. L. s. (*qrn*), 1½ pp. 4to, *May 15*, 1821 (2)

- 35 ALBUM OF AUTOGRAPH LETTERS, including Lord Macaulay, Lord Leighton, W. Holman Hunt, T. Woolner, J. Ruskin (last 2 pp. of A. L. s.), Anthony Trollope, G. W. Dasent, A. Thiers, M. Guizot, Matthew Arnold, Jenny Lind-Goldschmidt, Joseph Joachim (with music), a Signature of H. W. Longfellow, and numerous others, 4to, *half bound*

- 36 EMERSON (R. W.) A. L. s. 2 pp. 8vo, *Concord, Sunday Evening*: "I am glad you like the English critic," etc.

- 37 THACKERAY (W. M.) A. L. s. (initials), 1½ pp. 8vo, *Kensington, Sept. 1st*, 1853, to Dr. John Brown and his wife:

... We have been in Switzerland on a very pleasant two months' tour and we have written 4 numbers of the *Newcomes*, and now we are come to steal through the press that remarkable work . . . if all things go rightly Rome will be our winter quarters. I want to show my girls, and myself too perhaps, that abode of scarlet abomination, etc.

- 38 THACKERAY (W. M.) Pen-and-Ink Drawing of himself sketching two friends, one sitting in an easy chair, the other lighting a pipe; beneath is an auto. note explaining the drawing, 9½ in. by 8½ in., *somewhat torn at the folds, laid down, mounted and framed*:

DEAR YARDLEY,

Having dropped into Hewson's rooms at 5 o'clock I find him & Morgan John O'Connell in the following attitudes & costume. Summers Harford waited yesterday upon his Sovereign & Frank Murphy has lost his voice. Rose is winning as usual at billiards & we all remain  
Yours.

- 39 THACKERAY (W. M.) Two Water-colour Drawings of a Man and a Woman respectively, *both 4 in. by 2½ in.; on one mount*

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- 40 THACKERAY (W. M.) A. L. s. "William Thackeray," 1 p. 8vo, in his earlier hand, 13, *Great Coram Street, Friday (no year, but probably in 1839)*:  
 . . . . The best return we can make for your kindness is to profit by it as often as we can, etc.
- 41 THACKERAY (W. M.) Portion of a MS. in his autograph, 12 lines, 4to, apparently from the "Yellowplush Papers"
- 42 MACARTNEY (General George) alluded to in Thackeray's "Esmond," Book 3, Chap. 5, L. s. 2 pp. 4to, to the Duke of Marlborough
- 43 LETTERS from Anthony Storer, M.P., who is introduced several times in the "Virginians," the Marquis of Hertford, the original "Marquis of Steyne" in "Vanity Fair," and Darrington, introduced in the "Irish Sketch Book" (3)
- 44 FITZ-GERALD (Edward) A. L. s. (initials), 2½ pp. 8vo, *Woodbridge, Jan. 12, 1868*, to Posh the boatman, sending him a cheque for nets, etc., and adding:  
 . . . . Take particular care to make an entry of all such payments in the book I gave you; take all care of the money; and run into no expense which is not quite necessary. For I am drawn nearly dry for the present, etc.
- 45 FITZ-GERALD (E.) A. L. s. (initials), 4 pp. 8vo (*Woodbridge, Aug. 5, 1873*), to Edwin Edwards, *with addressed envelope, fine letter*, criticising the type he has adopted for Fitz-Gerald's book:  
 . . . . And this with a text that, I suppose, is meant to be read, as written, at an easy going rate, instead of a laborious stumble. Even if easier to read than it is, is it the type fitted for the subject it treats of? It looks to me more like some transcript of some ancient monkish MS., or *Rosetta Stone*, than a modern saunter through Norfolk and Suffolk, etc.
- 46 MACKAY (Hugh) General, defeated by Dundee at Killiecrankie, A. L. s. 1 p. folio, *Edinburgh, December 7th, 1689*, to the Ministers of the Gospel at Glasgow, in reference to two Englishmen who have deserted from Lord Kenmure's regiment, *scarce*
- 47 MOORE (T.) Irish Poet, Two A. L. s. each 1 p. 8vo, *Jany. 17, 1827*, etc.; and Three A. L. s. of Samuel Rogers (5)
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Oliver Wendell Holmes, H. K. Browne, Corney Grain, Lord Leighton, Mrs. M. A. Keeley, and others. On *October 16th* O. Wilde has written : "Oscar Wilde, rien n'est vrai que le Beau," *a very interesting volume, 4to, green morocco, gilt edges*

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- 51 DICKENS (C.) A. L. s. 1 p. 8vo, *Gad's Hill*, 29th *January*, 1866, to Robert Cowtan, Esq.

- 52 DICKENS (C.) A. L. s. 1 p. 8vo, *Newcastle-on-Tyne*, 5th *March*, 1867, to the same :

I am engaged on a course of 50 readings and your letter followed me here last night. You may imagine how very little time I have under these circumstances for correspondence, etc.

- 53 DICKENS (C.) Dedication in his Autograph, signed "Boz," 1 p. 4to, to J. P. Harley. The Dedication to "The Village Coquettes" commencing :

My dramatic bantlings are no sooner born than you father them. You have made my strange gentleman exclusively your own ; you have adopted Martin Stokes with equal readiness ; and you still profess your willingness to do the same kind office for all future scions of the same stock, no matter how numerous they may be, or how quickly they may be followed in succession.

\* \* The printed Dedication is dated *December 15th*, 1836, but in the above manuscript the day of the month is left blank.

- 54 DICKENS (C.) Seven Cheques filled-in and signed in full, 1860-8 (7)

- 55 DICKENS (C.) A. L. s. 1 p. 8vo, 5, *Hyde Park Place*, 26 *February*, 1870 ; to the Rev. John E. Cox :

Here is your seat for next Tuesday, on my daughter's sofa. You will not hear the regular Yarmouth dialect, as I could not make it sufficiently intelligible in so large a place ; but I hope you will not be disappointed in many other respects.

- 56 DICKENS (C.) A. L. s. (in full), 1 p. 8vo, *Gad's Hill*, 29th *August*, 1863, to Mr. Lillie, respecting an alteration in the drawing-room at Gad's Hill

- 57 DICKENS (C.) A. L. s. (in full), 1 p. 8vo, *Gad's Hill*, 22nd *November*, 1863, to the same on a similar subject

- 58 SIGNATURES of King George III and Sir R. Walpole ; Letters of Earl Spencer, etc. *a parcel*

- 59 DICKENS (C.) A. L. s. (in full), 1 p. 8vo, *Furnival's Inn* (1837), to J. P. Hanley :

I enclose Mr. Leech's sketch, you can tell me what you think of it, when I see you to-morrow morning. I think he has not got the face well, or the hat. The general character is very good, etc.

- 60 DICKENS (C.) A. L. s. (in full), *Chalk n<sup>r</sup> Gravesend* (Feb. 6, 1837), to the same :  
 Not having had time to finish altering the farce before I left town, I brought it down here with me on Saturday ; altered it on Saturday night ; and (by previous arrangement) forwarded it p<sup>r</sup> mail directed to Mr. Hogarth Junr., to be left at the office in the city till called for. He was to finish copying it on Sunday & leave it at the Theatre for you, to-day, etc.  
 Also A. L. s. 1 p. 8vo, of Mrs. Charles Dickens (2)
- 61 DICKENS (C.) A. L. s. (in full), 1 p. 8vo, 8 May, 1862, to W. Gale, respecting a picture of a prisoner feeding a bird, *with addressed envelope*
- 62 ROSSETTI (D. G.) A. L. s. 1 p. 8vo, 14, *Chatham Place*, April 2, 1857, to the same, on a meeting at Louis Dickinson's, *with addressed envelope*
- 63 KINGSLEY (Charles) A. L. s. 7 pp. 8vo, *Eversley*, April 27, 1858, interesting letter on scenes in the West Country ; others of Edmund Yates, J. Ruskin, Fitzgerald Molloy, Wilkie Collins, etc., all to the same (9)
- 64 DU MAURIER (George) A. L. s. 1 p. 8vo, *March* 10, 1890 ; others of Lord Leighton, Sir J. E. Millais, Sir J. Tenniel, W. Holman Hunt, Sir L. Alma-Tadema, etc., to the same (8)
- 65 WILKIE (Sir David) A SERIES OF FIFTY-THREE AUTOGRAPH LETTERS FROM SIR DAVID WILKIE TO MR. ABRAHAM RAIBACH, the Engraver of his Pictures, *dated from 1815 to 1836*. These very interesting Autograph Letters relate to the engraving of his pictures, viz.: *The Village Politicians, The Rent Day, The Cut Finger, Errant Boy, Blind Man's Buff, Distraining for Rent, Parish Beadle, Spanish Mother and Child, etc.* ; *most of the letters are of considerable length and full of interest, giving the names of subscribers, etc., neatly arranged in a 4to vol. green morocco extra, g. e.* (53)
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1. Relative to the War with the Indians and to Governor Shirley, and ordering a chamber fire-engine and clover seed :  
 I have wrote largely to Dr. Mitchel by this conveyance and as few can be so well informed of the publick actions in this Province since the commencement of the War as I am, and others endeavour what they can to misrepresent them, I have given him a particular account of them. The publick affairs of this Province begin to put on a

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different and better aspect than they formerly had. I have likewise a good deal of pleasure in that worthy gentleman Governor Shirley his going to England at this time, to whom I am well known and who I am persuaded is sincerely my friend for we have been several times together on publick business.

I have your account of the remittances made to you from Leghorn, this has been a very unlucky voyage to all concern'd. We have each of us lost about one half. It was owing to the ships sailing before we knew of the cessation of arms.

My son John has given you the trouble of another Bill of Excha. (exchange) and I must desire of you to send to me for him the books of which a list is enclosed and that if it be convenient for you, that you may take them from Mr. Joseph Davidson bookseller at the Angel in the Poultry with whom I have some correspondence. My house in the Country has been two or three times in danger from fire. I am told of a Chamber fire engine with long leather pipes and which is likewise usefull in watering of gardens and which costs about five pounds if such an engine be found to answer the ends proposed by it you will oblige me by ordering one to be bought for me with a paper of directions—for the use of it. We have had in this Province and in New England a greater drouth this summer than ever was known by which all the clover is lost. Please to order two hundred pound weight to be sent by the ships which return before winter. I am ashamed of giving you so much trouble without having it in my power to make any return, but you are so kind and good that I presume upon your pardon.

2. Relative to his treatise upon "Natural Philosophy" which he advises printing in a "fair large letter and good paper," etc.

Having so good a conveyance as that by my good friend Capt. Rutherford whom you have formerly seen I lay hold of it to send a little treatise which I have formerly mentioned to you and given you expectation of after the encouragement Dr. Betts gave me to go on with that work but chiefly from the persuasion I am under after a long series of thoughts and repeated reflexions that I have luckily hit on the true principles of knowledge in natural Philosophy and that if they be properly improved by those who have more skill and knowledge in the several branches of Physics than I have they will become of general use. They contain hints for an entire new system of Philosophy founded, in my opinion, not upon any Hypothesis but on unquestionable principles in nature obvious to every man's observation and on self-evident Maxims.

Men naturally have all the fondness and partiality for the productions of their brain that they have for their children and from one reason common to both when there is a reason for either and not mere instinct that thereby they hope to perpetuat(e) the memory of their existence and from that natural ambition of living on fame implanted in us for the benefit of Society which when it engages us in benevolent and beneficent acts ought not to be discouraged. Men are most generally fond of the children of their old age and perhaps for the same reason I may doat on this production.

As it wants all the advantages of family Interest and of particular friendships to recommend it on its first appearance in the world I am desirous that it appear in as good a dress among strangers as the bookseller can be persuaded to give it by a fair large letter and good paper.

I have often seen Merit despised in a slovenly or mean appearance and a stranger in a genteel dress well received who had not otherwise much to recommend him.

I have heard such a character of Mr. Dodsley in Pall Mall how deservedly I know not but so different from that which Booksellers commonly bear that I am desirous it may be published by him but if

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this cannot be conveniently done, by any other you shall choose. As I think it reasonable that if there be any profit by the publication the author should have a proper share. I do not doubt you will take some care of this if it can be done for I know how little is to be depended on from the generosity of a Bookseller who has no other view but the profits of his Trade.

I could not form such general Theorems as are the subject of the present Treatise without many new thoughts on several parts of Physics and of which I have indigested (*sic*) memorials by me. I am therefore desirous to know how the present work shall be received that if I be encouraged I may employ the remainder of life in such amusements as are best fitted for old age and wherein (if in anything) I may be of some use while I live.

I must desire that half a dozen copies be sent to me in sheets as they are printed off from time to time as opportunities offer, in doing what I am affrayed I must give you the trouble of sending them if the Bookseller have no other certain method of conveying them otherwise. But notwithstanding of this I must desire him (Mr. Dodsley) to correspond with me by letter, etc.

\* \* The establishment of the American Philosophical Society, located at Philadelphia, was chiefly owing to Colden's suggestions. Colden was a friend of Benjamin Franklin and they communicated to each other their experiments in Natural Philosophy.

3. Ordering another Post Chariot his other having been "burnt by the Mob in a most insulting manner on Government." He has applied for a pension.

In my last I desired to give you the trouble of buying a Post Chariot for me with the harness and other necessary furniture, and begg'd you would send it over to me by the first opportunity after it can be procured. I had ordered gold to be transmitted to you for that purpose but as no stamped bills of Lading could then be procured my son Alexander advised to delay it to this Packet commanded by Captain Goddard in whom he has particular confidence. I expect you will receive it at this time with a particular account of what is sent.

I cannot now ride on horseback and it is necessary for my health frequently to take the air and visit my friends and my children are desirous that I should not give those who are unfriendly the pleasure to see me reduced to a mean method of going abroad after their having had the pleasure of seeing my chariot burnt by the mob in a most insulting manner on Government.

I am now retired to my Country house on Long Island about two hours from New York where I propose to remain, where I can frequently enjoy the company of my children and friends and visit them by turns for which purpose I think a Post Chariot will be the most convenient for me in my present circumstances such as will best suit an old man and I do not doubt your choice will please me. I would have it neat and plain hung on steel springs from axles as usual such I am told are bought for about £80 sterling. Let it be from a workman you can confide in. I do not remember how my account with you stands but if I mistake not you have a ballance in your hands.

I have suffered considerably in my private fortune by my strict adherence to my duty at this time. I am in hopes of obtaining some recompense and a reward for my past services for which purpose I have wrote to Mr. Secretary Conway and to the Plantation Board, and likewise to Sir Jeffery Amherst who on all occasions has don me friendly good offices. A pension would be most agreeable to me and suit me best in my old age. If you be acquainted with Mr. Conway or Lord Dartmouth you may learn from them the King's pleasure and

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I doubt not your good offices with them. However that be I doubt not Sir Jeffery Amherst will inform you in the most friendly manner. The house is at Whitehall fronting Charing Cross. When you go to that part of the Town I beg the favour of your waiting on him for me, etc.

Beneath this letter is the following from Colden's son David:

By my Father's order I have this day shipped on board the Lord Hyde Packet Boat Captain Goddard . . . twenty three guineas and thirty two half Johannes.

On the remaining sheet is a letter in the autograph of Peter Collinson (signed initials), to Sir Jeffery Amherst requesting a pension for Colden. Sir Jeffrey Amherst was, at this time, Governor of Virginia, Field Marshal, and regarded as the conqueror of Canada.

- 68 AMERICA. LEVERETT (J.) President of Harvard College. A. L. s. 2½ pp. 4to, *Cambridge, New England, 8th Feb. 1709/10.* To Sir William Ashurst. Relative to his services of governing and securing the rights of the Indians in the "late" Colony of Massachusetts. Refers to Dr. Mather and to Harvard College. Reference to the "Charity of £90 pr. ann. obtained by the Company out of Mr. Boyle's estate," follows:

It is "Order'd that two accts. be open'd apart in ye books of the Corporation for Mr. Boyl's Charity, viz: One for the moyety of £90 per annum for the Salary of two preaching ministers to instruct the natives in or near his Maj'ty's Colonys, in N. England in the Christian Religion: and the other for the Moiety thereof to be transmitted by this Corporation to the President and fellows of Harvard College in Cambridge in N. England and to their Successors to be by them Employ'd and bestowed for the salary of two other Ministers, to teach the Natives," etc.

- 69 AMERICA. LEVERETT (J.) A. L. s. 2 pp. 4to, *Cambridge, New England, 11 Feb. 1713/14.* To the same, relative to the "Interests and Religion of the Poor Indians," etc.

- 70 AMERICA. LEVERETT (J.) A. L. s. 4 pp. 4to, "*Cambridge in New England,*" 30 May, 1713. To the same, relative to improvements of the lands reserved for the Indians and to Religion among the Indians. Also relative to Harvard College, and to the purchase of land and tenements in New England

\* \* \* The writer of the above letters was a Boston judge, the Speaker of the Colonial Legislature, a member of the Council, and President of Harvard from 1707 until his death. His attainments in learning were extensive, and he received the honour of membership in the Royal Society, which was then rarely given to colonists. Leverett was also a Royal Commissioner to the Indians in 1704, and to Port Royal in 1707.

- 71 **ARTHUR DE RICHEMONT** (Duke of Brittany) Constable of France, Doc. s. (on vellum), 1 p. oblong folio, *Seez*, 21 Dec. 1454, certifying that William Duval and William Dequire had come by the Constable's order with news from England gathered from a prisoner at Bayeux
- \* \* Arthur III, Duke of Brittany, was born in 1393, and was the son of John V (Duke of Brittany) and Jeanne of Navarre, who afterwards became the Queen of Henry IV of England. He was taken prisoner by Henry V at the Battle of Agincourt. Accompanying this document is "Chronique d'Arthur de Richemont (1393-1458), par Guillaume Gruel, publiée par A. Le Vavasseur," 1890.
- 72 **BEAUFORT** (John, first Duke of Somerset) Grandson of John of Gaunt and Catherine Swynford, Doc. s. (on vellum), 1 p. folio, 17 Feb. 1439, giving the names of 10 lancers and 22 archers, from the garrison of Fontenay-le-Vicomte in Normandy, ordered by the King to serve under John, Duke of Somerset
- \* \* John Beaufort, Duke of Somerset, 1403-1444, was the son of John Beaufort, eldest son of John of Gaunt, by Catherine Swynford, who was created Earl of Somerset and died in 1409. John the younger succeeded to the Earldom on the death of his brother Henry in 1419. He fought at the age of 17 with Henry V in France. In 1421 the Duke of Clarence, the King's brother, being sent against the Dauphin in Anjou, advanced rashly against him with his vanguard, and being surprised as he crossed a marsh was killed, and Somerset, who was with him, taken prisoner. Speedily ransomed, the latter continued fighting in France under Henry VI, his nearness to the throne insuring him high command. But though made Duke in 1443 and Captain-General in Aquitaine and Normandy, the Duke of York was preferred to him as Regent of France. Somerset returned home in disgust and died the next year (5 years after the present document was signed) by his own hand it is said, being unable to brook the disgrace of banishment from Court, which his quarrel with the Government brought upon him. He is often cited in "Monstrelet's Chronicles."
- 73 **DEEDS ON VELLUM**, *many with seals and some very early*, relating to the Counties of Surrey, Leicester, Oxford, Kent (a large number), Stafford, Lincoln, Worcester, Somerset, Berks., London, Notts., Bucks., Hereford, etc. *a large and important lot* (about 155)
- 74 **BRONTË** (Emily) Autograph MS. signed at the top "Emily J. Brontë," 4 pp. 8vo, 1842, in French, with corrections, entitled: "Le Roi Harold avant la Bataille de Hastings," probably written when studying at Brussels
- 75 **HILL** (Sir John), 1565-1608, Serjeant-at-Law to Queen Elizabeth, Knighted at James I's Coronation, employed at the trial of Sir Walter Raleigh. Interesting Report on the examination of a prisoner for sheep-stealing, 1598, 1 p. 4to



- 76 HÉBERT (Jacques R.) "Père Duchesne," invented the "Feast of Reason," executed 1794, L. s. 15 *fevr.* 1793, 1 p. 4to, *Paris*, respecting relief for the widows and wounded at the massacres on Sept. 10th, 1792, *rare*
- 77 SWINBURNE (A. C.) A. L. s. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$  pp. 8vo in French, praising his correspondent's translations and recommending Coleridge for treatment: "ce divin maître qui apprit à Shelley l'art de chanter." He mentions "The Ancient Mariner," "Kubla Khan" and "Christabel" above all. He praises "The Lark" and "Ode to the West Wind," the last he considers the finest lyric in the whole of English poetry
- 78 LOUIS XVIII and CHARLES X. Commission in the Army of Emigrés, signed by both, for the King Louis XVI, at *Coblentz*, 4 *juin*, 1792, 1 p. 4to
- 79 LAUD (Archbishop) A. L. s. 1 full p. folio, 1630, *with address and seal*, to Dr. Pincke at Oxford, mentioning his recent illness, college affairs, interviews with the King, etc.; with Auto. Draft, signed, of Dr. Pincke's reply on the second leaf. Robert Pincke, 1573-1647, Warden of New College, Oxford, was allied with Laud in his plans for re-organising the University and was active in the Defence of Oxford in 1642. Dr. Pincke's reply is interesting. Autograph letters of Archbishop Laud are extremely rare.
- 80 HOUDON (J. A.) Great French Sculptor, Doc. s. "Houdon,"  $\frac{1}{2}$  p. 4to, 1810, as a Founder of the Athenæum; with other signatures
- 81 DVORÁK (Anton) Composer, and Mme. MODJESKA. Humorous remarks, 6 lines, signed "Antonin Dvorák," in several languages; and similar Notes, comprising 14 lines, signed twice "Helena Modjeska," on the back of a concert programme of Dvorák's works, *rare*
- 82 AMERICA. MAYHEW (Experience) Minister at Martha's Vineyard in New England, A. L. s. 1 p. folio, *Boston*, 15 *December*, 1727, to Sir William Ashurst, relative to his son Nathan's training "to fit him for ye Service of God among ye Aboriginal Natives of this Land."
- \* \* Mayhew translated both the Book of Psalms and St. John's Gospel into the Indian language.
- 83 ALBUM OF AUTOGRAPH LETTERS, including Jeremy Bentham, Sir B. C. Brodie, and a large number from eminent British Scientists, folio, *half calf*
- 84 HARRINGTON (James) Author of "Oceana," L. s. 1 p. folio, 2 *Oct.* 1652, addressed to the Governor of the Isle of Wight, *with seal*; L. s. by Henry Herbert, Earl of Pembroke, 1599; a number of interesting Papers relating to the Proceedings before the King's Commissioners at Magdalen College, Oxford, 1687; etc. (a parcel)

- 85 FANSHAWE (SIR RICHARD) *Poet and Diplomatist* (1608-1666), A VERY LARGE AND IMPORTANT COLLECTION OF HISTORICAL MANUSCRIPTS RELATING TO HIS EMBASSIES IN SPAIN AND PORTUGAL, 1661-1666, arranged in 5 vol. folio, and illustrated by the addition of Portraits, Views, etc.

\* \* Including Official Instructions to Sir R. Fanshawe when going as ambassador to Spain and Portugal, *Jany.* 14, 166 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 10 pp. folio, *corrected in the margin by Lord Chancellor Clarendon* and endorsed by Fanshawe; Holograph Draft of an important Letter from Fanshawe to King Charles II, 8 pp. folio, presented at his Court at *Bath*, 12th Sept. 1663, containing a representation of what transactions he had carried through since his arrival at the Court of Portugal, the very important transactions with regard to the handing over of Bombay and the rest of the dowry of Queen Katherine of Braganza; Important Holograph Letter in Sir R. Fanshawe's hand directed to Queen Katherine from Charles II, *from the folds probably the actual letter* presented to the Queen by Fanshawe at the King's request, ALSO SEVERAL OTHER IMPORTANT LETTERS IN FANSHAWE'S HAND; Letter from the King of Spain to the Duke of Medina Celi concerning ambassador Fanshawe's treatment on his landing at Cadiz, *March 5th*, 1664. Other interesting Papers relate to the Queen's Dowry, the Ships from Brazil, Letters of E. Bridgewood to J. Creed, Colonel Fitzgerald deputy-governor of Tangiers, Communication relative to the sale of Dunkirk, Colonel James Apsley to Sir R. Fanshawe, interesting Account of the Death of Prince Maurice, Secretary Antonio de Sousa to Sir R. Fanshawe, Lionel Fanshawe (secretary to Sir Richard), Consul Thomas Maynard, Lord Dongan, Consul Westcombe, John Lord Belasyse, and numerous others (5)

- 86 THE DIARY of the Rev. Ralph Josselin (1616-1683), THE ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT, written in a close but very fine and clear hand on about 370 pp., *each 8 by 6 in., bound in old calf, with the Royal arms stamped on both covers, and the initials G. K. on the sides of the shields*

\* \* The Rev. Ralph Josselin, descended from an ancient Essex family, was instituted Vicar of Earl's Colne in March, 1640, and retained the office till his death in 1683. Of strong Puritan tendencies he joined heart and soul with the Parliamentary party during the Civil War, for some time acting as chaplain to one of the regiments raised by the Eastern Association, and being on more than one occasion actually under fire. He, however, mourned "the black Providence of putting the king to death," freely criticised some of the later acts of Cromwell, and was evidently reconciled to the return of Charles II. After the Restoration he was much exercised

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as to how far he ought to conform in matters of Church ritual, and stood out against wearing the surplice, apparently, till 1680; but under May 17th of that year he notes: "Rid to court; the matter is the surplice which I see no sin to use, and shall endeavour to live as quietly as may be to the end of my race." He was a learned and intelligent man, kind-hearted if somewhat self-seeking, and his diary furnishes us with an extraordinarily vivid picture of the stirring times in which he lived. If not to be compared with that of Evelyn or Pepys in their wide interest, it strongly resembles the latter in its unconscious egotism and absolute candour. Foreign as well as national affairs are noted and commented upon. The passages on the execution of Laud, the marching of troops, victories and defeats during the Civil War, the Great Plague in London and Colchester, and other events, bring the scenes vividly before our eyes. It also abounds with information as to prices of commodities, local customs and superstitions, and is full of the quaint sayings of this typical Puritan parson. The diary was partly printed by The Historical Society in 1908 (forming vol. XV, third series), and a complete typed transcript accompanies the manuscript.

- 87 LONGFELLOW (H. W.) A. L. s. 4 pp. 8vo, *Cambridge, Sept. 26, 1860*, interesting letter, speaking very guardedly on some verses a lady has sent him:

... It is so delicate a task for one who writes verses to sit in judgment on the verses of others, that for a long time past I have declined doing so.

Also conclusion of an A. L. s.

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- 88 WREN (Sir Christopher) Original Survey in his Autograph, 14 pp. sm. 4to, on the condition of Salisbury Cathedral. *This most interesting Manuscript* is dated 1668, and is headed in a contemporary hand: "The State of y<sup>e</sup> Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Sarum represented and y<sup>e</sup> particular Defects enumerated by y<sup>e</sup> most ingenious and worthy Sir Christopher Wren, Aug<sup>r</sup> 31, 1668, since His Ma<sup>ties</sup> Surveyor Genll."; and in a later hand: "This survey was given to me by Mr. William Dodsworth, T.A." It is entirely in Wren's autograph and contains drawings showing his method for employing tie rods for strengthening the steeple, details of timber-work, etc.

- 89 CHARLES II. A. L. s. 1 p. 4to, *March 4th, 1655*, to Sir William Davison:

I have commanded this bearer Harry Coventry to speake to you aboute the hieing a vessell; wch does importe me very much at this time, he will acquaint you with the particulars and how she is to be disposed of. I will therefore say no more to you, only assure you that I will pay you the faught (*sic*) whatsoever it costs in six weeks time.

\* \* \* IMPORTANT LETTER relative to the Salisbury Rising, written

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whilst the king was in exile. Early in June, 1654, Charles II passed through Flanders and proceeded to Cologne, where he was received with much solemnity, both by the magistrates of the city and the College of Jesuits, and there he established himself for about two years. Charles affected attachment to the Church of England, and could afford but little other encouragement to his supporters in England. He travelled to Middleburg to be in readiness for the Salisbury Rising in March, 1655. This "Rising" occurred in the same month and year in which the king wrote the present letter. The reference to "hireing a vessel" doubtless alludes to the king's intention of crossing to England in support of the "Rising."

- 90 MAINTENON (Mme. de) Married to Louis XIV in 1684. AUTOGRAPH MANUSCRIPT, SIGNED, of her entirely unpublished "DISCOURS SUR LA PERFECTION CHRÉTIENNE TIRÉ DE PLUSIEURS AUTRES" (Auteurs)

\* \* \* QUITE COMPLETE, comprising 144 pages in all, sm. 8vo. The binding is French red morocco stamped with the Du Plessis arms. L. A. M. Gitton Du Plessis was a collector living at Blois, he collected early printing and bindings, and had some interesting manuscripts. This important manuscript is preceded by an autograph letter (signed with her *parafe*) from Mme. de Maintenon to Mademoiselle de Monchy (4 pp.). The manuscript is immediately followed by another in a different handwriting (probably by the recipient of the above, Mademoiselle de Monchy), entitled "Ordre du Jour." This covers 10 pp. In her letter of Dedication the Marquise de Maintenon says: "I will send you, Mademoiselle, a book entitled 'Perfection Chrétienne'" (the present manuscript), etc. This manuscript, which is signed no less than twelve times with the Maintenon *parafe*, was written by Mme. de Maintenon whilst living at St. Cyr.

- 91 AMERICA. FRANKLIN (Benjamin) A. L. s. 2 pp. folio, *Philadelphia*, 19 December, 1763, to Peter Collinson, a fine and IMPORTANT letter:

I am lately returned from my Tour of these Northern Colonies, having been from the southernmost part of Virginia to the easternmost part of New England. I think I wrote you from Boston that I had by a fall dislocated my right arm at the shoulder joint; it is now pretty well recovered, tho' not quite so strong as before. Your obliging Favour of June 8, and 28, and of August 23, came all duly to hand, and the Books are delivered to the Library Company (of Philadelphia). At the next meeting of the Directors, I will show them what you mention concerning the completing their set of Edwards, and binding the coloured Prints of Insects. The proposal of a Colony to be called New Wales was made without authority, and by weak Heads, and is accordingly come to nothing. I am glad what I wrote proves acceptable to your Friend Hamilton. The new Governor arriv'd before my return. I waited on him to pay my respects, and have since met him often in various places at dinners,

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and among "The Commissioners for Carrying on the War," of which I am one. He is civil, and I endeavour to fail in no point of respect, so I think we shall have no personal difference, at least I will give no occasion. For tho' I cordially dislike and despise the uncle for demeaning himself so far as to backbite and abuse me to friends and to strangers, as you well know he does, I shall keep that Account open with him only, and some time or other we may have a settlement; if that never happens, I can forgive the debt. I have heretofore done him service and I have done him honour; and I never did him injury, unless he deems it one, that I supported and carried a just cause against him in favour of his Province. He may sleep at peace at present, I am not coming over as he has heard to solicit anything about Dr. Coxe's Grant, *tho' I own I love England and my friends there so well, that middling reasons for my making such a voyage would be apt to seem very good ones.* We just now learn that the Indians over the Lakes, being inform'd by a Belt from the Illinois French Governor that Peace was concluded between the English and French, that he must surrender that country, and could no longer supply or support them, have humbly sued for peace to the Commanding Officer at Port Detroit, who has referred them to the General, and in the meantime granted them a cessation of arms. This we expect will soon occasion a like application from the other Tribes; I only fear they have not yet smarted enough to make them careful how they break with us again. Pray assure Mr. Canton that I respect him greatly, and purpose shortly to write to him a very long letter. My having so much to say to him is one reason of my not having set about it before, tho' I own it is a bad one; etc.

\* \* Franklin returned from his second visit to England in the spring of 1762. Peter Collinson, the addressee, was the naturalist and antiquarian, and the close friend of Benjamin Franklin. The first intimation received by the latter respecting the advances of Electrical inquiry in Europe were sent to him by Collinson. "The new Governor" was John Penn, grandson of the founder of Pennsylvania. He was elected in November, 1763, and Franklin wrote this letter about a month later. John held the position of Governor during the turmoil caused by the Stamps Act and kindred measures of Government. The province was then engaged in hostilities with the Delawares, Shawanese and Seneca Indians, and a bounty was placed by the Governor for their capture or their scalps. His uncle Thomas, whom Franklin disliked, was the eldest of the proprietors, and was living in England. Franklin's quarrel with Thomas Penn doubtless arose from the fact that, although the Penn estates had enormously increased in value, they were exempted from taxation. Franklin was sent to England as agent for the colony, and presented to Thomas Penn on the 27th Aug., 1757, "Heads of Complaint," the chief complaint being of the restraint on the Governor's powers by non-resident proprietors.

92 NELSON (Lord) A. L. s. (with his right hand), 1 p. 4to, *Agamemnon*, Oct. 29th, 1795, to Mr. Egan, Prize Master:

In case of separation from the Agamemnon, or not receiving further orders, you will make the best of your way to Vado Bay, taking care not to approach too near the coast until you are past Alberga.

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- 93 NELSON (Lord) L. s. 1 p. 4to, *Vanguard, off the mouth of the Nile, 2nd August, 1798, interesting*, written the day after the battle, to Lieut. R. Cuthbert:

In consequence of your gallant conduct in commanding His Majesty's ship *Majestic* after the death of the brave Captain Westcott, you are therefore to act as Commander of the *Majestic* till further orders.

Also L. s. "Brontë Nelson of the Nile" (an unusual signature), 1 p. 4to, *Leghorn, 28 June, 1800*, in reference to prize-money (2)

- 94 NELSON (Lord) signature "Nelson," to a Power-of-Attorney in favour of Messrs. Marsh, Page & Creed, on vellum, folio, 1st January, 1801, the signature "Nelson" alone was used for only a short time; Signature to a Proxy for the House of Lords, on vellum, 8 March, 1804 (2)

- 95 NELSON (Lord) A. L. s. 1 p. 4to, *Merton, Dec. 1st, 1801*, to Mr. R. Creed, his attorney

- 96 NELSON (Lord) A. L. s. 2 pp. 4to, *Merton, Jany. 23rd, 1802*, to George Baldwin, Esq., Consul in Egypt, commenting on his absence from Alexandria, when Nelson arrived there with his fleet in June, 1798:

... with respect to my opinion of what would have been the consequences had I found you at Alexandria, there can be no doubt but that I should have been off Alexandria when the French fleet arrived, and most assuredly the army could not have been landed in the compleat order it did, had an action taken place on the first of July, which assuredly it would have done had the Turks received me as a friend instead of an enemy, as the answer I received was, that neither English or French should enter the Port of Alexandria, and I believe if you had been there to explain between me and the Turkish Governor, that I should have remained a few days to get some water and refreshments, etc.

\* \* This important letter is not printed in the Nelson Despatches and Letters.

- 97 NELSON (Lord) A. L. s. 1½ pp. 4to, *Victory, Oct. 2nd, 1805*, to Lord Castlereagh (*not printed in the Nelson Despatches*):

It being strongly reported that the Dey of Algiers has been killed and the man who was Minister of the Marine elected in his place, I shall, of course, withhold the king's letter and presents till I know if it is all true, for in that case I shall submit to the Consul the propriety of withholding the king's letter and of turning the presents to the new Dey, who used to be very much our friend, my congratulatory is prepared for his accession instead of the Dey's escape from assassination. The last never was our friend, etc.

- 98 NELSON (Lord) A. L. s. (twice) "N. & B." 3 pp. 8vo (undated), *an extremely interesting letter* addressed to Lady Hamilton (*printed in Pettigrew's Life of Nelson*):

I think of writing my poor old father to this effect (if you wont let me go into the whole of his plan of going to Somerset St.) that I shall live at Merton with Sir Wm. & you, that a warm room for him and a cheerful society will always be there happy to receive him, that nothing in my conduct could ever cause a separation of a moment between me and him, for that I had all the respect and love which a son could bear

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towards a good father, that going to Burnham was impossible as my duty, even if I was inclined, would not permit it, that as to anonymous letters, they made no impression where they did not fit, and that I should ever conduct myself towards him as his dutiful son, etc.

- 99 NELSON (Rev. Edmund) Rector of Burnham Thorpe and father of Lord Nelson, A. L. s. (initials) 1 p. 4to, *Dec.* 19, 1801, to his son, sending him his Best Wishes for the approaching Christmas and New Year, *a scarce autograph (this letter is printed in Pettigrew's Life)*
- 100 HOSTE (Admiral Sir William) A. L. s. 1 p. 4to, *May* 22, 1824; Auto. Certificate, s.; and an A. L. s. of Admiral Sir John Jervis, afterwards Earl St. Vincent (3)
- 101 WELLINGTON (Duke of) A. L. s. "Arthur Wellesley," 1½ pp. folio, *March* 3rd, 1807, name of addressee cut off, requesting leave of absence for an officer
- 102 MOORE (Sir John) General, killed at Coruña, A. L. s. 1½ pp. 4to, *Sandgate*, 28th June, 1805, respecting Major Barclay of the 52nd Regt.
- 103 WATERLOO. An interesting contemporary Manuscript Account of the last campaign of Napoleon Bonaparte, 6 pp. folio, certified by Jardin, equerry to the Emperor; *from the Phillipps Manuscripts, half bound*
- 104 WATERLOO. A long and most interesting Letter, written by Colonel (afterwards Sir) Charles Best, who was in command of a brigade of Hanoverians at Quatre Bras and Waterloo, 14 pp. 4to, dated *Camp near Paris*, 25th July, 1815, giving a most vivid description of the campaign, he relates meeting the Duke of Brunswick shortly before his death at Quatre Bras:

.... I met the poor late Duke of Brunswick, who shook me cordially by the hand, saying "now we shall lick them nicely." Half an hour afterwards he received a deadly wound not far from where I halted, rallying his cavalry, who had been thrown into disorder.

Of the Duke of Wellington at Quatre Bras, he writes:

.... Our brave Duke was everywhere, and I had an opportunity of seeing how little he was concerned for his own safety. He was sitting on the brink of the ditch I mentioned where I had placed a battalion, writing an order with a pencil on his knee, when a cannon ball struck the ground close by him and covered him with earth, he looked very coolly to where the ball had struck, shook off the earth and continued to write his order. We slept that night on the ground where we stood, and a very uncomfortable berth it was till day-break, when a little skirmishing again began. The Duke came to where I stood and where we had destroyed the enemy's cavalry, for both men and horse were lying about us, some not 3 yards from the batt., he sat down on the ground and took a bit of bread out of his pocket which he seemed to eat with great appetite.

On the 18th he was stationed with his brigade on the left wing, and had an early opportunity of witnessing the advance

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of the Prussians. Walking about the field of battle after its conclusion, he says :

.... I also found M. Genl. Sir Wm. Ponsonby, who was struck through the chest and body, he was stripped, except his shirt, which was entirely soaked in blood. I ordered some of my men to remove him to a farm-house, his poor servant having recognised his master came to request this favour.

- 105 PATENT OF NOBILITY granted to Baron Best, on vellum s. by the Prince Regent (afterwards George IV), *with illuminated arms and seal, bound in velvet* ; Two Holograph Letters, s. by K. George III, one dated 1788, congratulating him on the birth of his son, and agreeing to stand Godfather ; A. L. s. of K. George IV ; and several Letters addressed to George (afterwards Baron) Best, with signatures of George III and George IV ; etc. (10)
- 106 NIGHTINGALE (Florence) Crimean Nurse, AN IMPORTANT AND EXTREMELY INTERESTING REPORT, s. 22½ pp. folio, sent to Lieut.-Colonel Lefroy, Royal Artillery, from the *Barrack Hospital, Scutari, January 11, 1856*, combatting at length the statement made by Dr. Hall as to the organisation of the Hospital, the employment of nurses, the supply of provisions for the patients, etc.
- 107 NIGHTINGALE (Florence) Three long and very interesting A. L. s. covering over 26 pp. 4to, *Scutari Barrack Hospital, dated March 6, March 16th, and April 5th, 1856*, respectively, and addressed to the same. Written in a very vigorous style in refutation of certain charges made against the organisation of the hospital, etc. In one letter she eloquently defends the men for whom she had laboured so unselfishly :
- .... I have never been able to join in the popular cry about the rocklessness, sensuality, helplessness of the soldiers. On the contrary I should say (and no woman perhaps has ever seen more of the manufacturing and agricultural classes of England than I have before I came out here), that I have never seen so teachable and helpful a class as the Army generally. Give them opportunity, promptly and securely, to send money home and they will do it. Give them a school and a lecture, and they will come to it. Give them a book and a game and a magic lantern and they will leave off drinking. Give them suffering and they will bear it. Give them work and they will do it. I had rather have to do with the Army generally than with any other class I have ever attempted to serve. And I speak with the *intimate* experience of 18 months which I have had since I "joined the Army," no woman (or man either) having seen them under such conditions, etc.
- 108 GORDON (General C. G.) Important and most interesting A. L. s. 6 pp. 8vo, *en route to Berber, 29 Oct. 1877*, written to Sir Richard Burton, when returning as Governor-General of the Soudan, *fastened in silk case*. After giving in detail his intended route to Khartoum, and thence to the Lakes, he continues :

Why do people die in these countries, do not you, who are a Philosopher, think it is due to moral prostration, more than to the



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climate? I think so, and have done so for a long time. . . . I have no fear of dying in any climate. "Men now seek honors, not honor." You put that in one of your books, do you remember it. How true it is. I have often pirated it and not acknowledged the author, though I believe you stole it, etc.

He speaks of the steamers on Lake Albert, refers to Grant, Livingstone, Stanley, etc.

- 109 BEACONSFIELD (B. Disraeli, Earl of) THE IMPORTANT SERIES OF SIXTEEN A. L. s. (chiefly with initials), which furnish the material for the "Home Letters written by the late Earl of Beaconsfield in 1830 and 1831," edited by Mr. Ralph Disraeli in 1885. Included in the lot is a copy of the book. These well-known letters were written home to his father and his sister Sarah during his three years' tour in Spain, Italy, the Levant and the S.E. of Europe, and contain a most vivacious description of his travels. The letters cover about 83 closely written pages of folio and 4to size, and furnish the substance for nearly 140 pages of type. One or two letters are apparently incomplete. (17)

- 110 VICTORIA (Queen) The two Original Time Charts of Queen Victoria's early studies. These charts are headed "Distribution of the Day for the Princess Victoria," 2 pp. folio, dated April, 1830

\* \* \* These charts are in the autograph of the Princess' preceptor, the Rev. George Davys (?), and show the various studies and the time given to each. Among the entries we find: "Monday, 9-10, Putting down the expenses from the preceding day; 10-11, taking exercise," and this was repeated all the week. "From 11-12, The Dean Scriptural reading, English History." There is the time for Her Majesty's French and German lessons, drawing (by Richard Westall), music, dancing lessons, etc., with the names of the persons who gave them.

## The Property of Mrs. Brodie, *of Brodie.*

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A LARGE AND VERY IMPORTANT SERIES OF LETTERS,  
CHIEFLY ADDRESSED TO GEORGE, 5TH DUKE OF GORDON (1770-1836), AND TO HIS WIFE, ELIZABETH, DUCHESS OF GORDON (1794-1864), FROM MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY, STATESMEN, LITERARY CELEBRITIES, AND OTHERS.

- 111 VICTORIA (Queen) Four very charming A. L. s. 4to and 8vo, written when a child to Elizabeth, Duchess of Gordon, 1826-1830, thanking her for "two pretty ponies" and for other birthday gifts; also two A. L. s. from the Duchess of Kent, enclosing the letters of her daughter. In one she writes, thanking her for all her goodness to Victoria, but says: "This year I fear to trust her in a carriage drawn by ponies, as she is so very young"; and one other (7)

- 112 VICTORIA (Queen) An important Series of Twenty-two Auto-graph Letters, *mostly signed in full (one incomplete)*, addressed to the Duchess of Gordon between May 25th, 1835, and Oct. 20, 1861, *covering 66 pp. 8vo, with addressed envelopes*. One of the finest collections of Queen Victoria's letters ever offered for sale, written in terms of intimacy to one whom she held in the greatest esteem, and admitted into a close friendship. Refers to her marriage with Prince Albert, the Princess Royal, and the late King Edward. Contrasting them, she says (*Jan. 8th, 1842*):

. . . . Our little girl is now at a very amusing and interesting age, and is very lively and intelligent. The boy is a fine strong child, tho' not as pretty as his sister was at his age.

On the subject of religious intolerance, the Queen writes:

. . . . All religious intolerance is I think most unchristian, and can bring no blessing on the faith they are intended to uphold! Alas! how far do we depart from the simple and pure doctrine of Him whose precept was "Brotherly love" and "Charity."

Other letters speak of the birth of "our ninth child" (Princess Beatrice), the marriage of the Princess Royal with Prince Frederick William of Prussia, while a long and very touching letter is on the loss of her mother, the Duchess of Kent (22)

- 113 VICTORIA (Queen) A. L. s. (initials), 2 pp. 8vo, *Windsor, Nov. 9, 1849*, to her aunt, Queen Adelaide, *with signed and addressed envelope*

- 114 **EDWARD VII** (King) A. L. s. 1 p. 8vo, *Windsor Castle*, 10 November, 1849, to the same, thanking her for a birthday present, which, he says, "I will keep as long as I live."—**ALBERT** (Prince) A. L. (*incomplete*), 2 pp. 8vo (2)
- 115 **KENT** (Victoria, Duchess of) Mother of Queen Victoria, a most interesting Series of Forty-two A. L. s. to the Duchess of Gordon, containing frequent references to her daughter when Princess, and afterwards as Queen. On 9th Sept. 1831, in reference to the King's coronation, she writes :  
 I had made all my arrangements to go to the Coronation, but on our journey here, Victoria had a smart bilious attack, which deranged her for some time, so that I felt very uneasy as to exposing her to the fatigue of two journeys and that of the ceremonial ; which feeling I represented to the King, and Lord Grey informed me that the King in the kindest manner entered into my feelings, and concurred with me in thinking no risk should be run. I give you and the Duke this explanation, knowing your affection for us, as I hear the subject has been misrepresented, etc.  
 Other letters deal with the births of the Princess Royal and Edward VII, the second attempt on the Queen's life, etc.
- 116 **GEORGE IV** (King) A. L. s. 1 p. 4to, *Feby.* 22nd, 1815 ; others of Edward, Duke of Kent ; Adolphus, Duke of Cambridge ; Ernest, Duke of Cumberland ; Mary, Duchess of Gloucester ; etc., chiefly addressed to the Duke of Gordon (10)
- 117 **WILLIAM IV** (King) Seven A. L. s. addressed to the same, one in reference to a military appointment (7)
- 118 **ADELAIDE** (Queen) An interesting Series of Thirty-four Auto-graph Letters to the Duchess of Gordon, *contained in a morocco case* (34)
- 119 **YORK** (Frederick, Duke of) Commander-in-Chief, a Series of A. L. s. to the Duke of Gordon ; others of the Duchess of York, addressed to the same (16)
- 120 **LEOPOLD I** (King of the Belgians) Eleven A. L. s. addressed to the Duke and Duchess of Gordon, 35 pp. 4to and 8vo, some long and interesting (11)
- 121 **MARIE** (Queen of the Belgians), second wife of above, a Series of A. L. s. addressed to the Duchess of Gordon ; also two A. L. s. from her daughter Princess Charlotte, afterwards Empress of Mexico (14)
- 122 **BONAPARTE** (Joseph) L. sub. and s. 1 p. 4to, to the Duke of Gordon ; others of Louis Philippe, Ferdinand Philippe d'Orléans, etc. (11)
- 123 **FREDERICK WILLIAM** (King of Prussia) A. L. s. 1 p. 4to, *Berlin*, 12 Mars, 1836, to the same ; also A. L. s. 4 pp. 8vo, from the Queen of Prussia to the Duchess of Gordon (2)
- 124 **ELIZABETH** (Princess Royal), afterwards Landgravine of Hesse Homburg, seven long and interesting A. L. s. 38 pp. 4to, *Homburg*, Dec. 3, 1832, etc., to the same (7)

- 125 CUMBERLAND (Ernest, Duke of) Three A. L. s. to the same, and two A. L. s. from the Duchess of Cumberland (5)
- 126 ALICE (Princess), of Hesse, A. L. s. 2 pp. 8vo; others from the Princess Sophia, Mary, Duchess of Gloucester, Duchess of Kent, Mary Dorothea, Archduchess of Austria, Princess Augusta, and other members of the Royal Family, addressed to the same (14)
- 127 WATERLOO : Translation of a most interesting Letter from Marshal Blücher, *dated Namur, 15 June, 1815*; two Letters relating to the Battle, addressed to the Duke of Gordon (then Marquis of Huntley); etc. (5)
- 128 NELSON : A. L. s.  $\frac{1}{2}$  p. 4to, *undated*, on the back of a sheet addressed to the Duke of Queensbury. The front page contains : "A most excellent new Song (in honour of Nelson) *now* singing on Board the St. Josef at Spithead by the *whole Crew*," endorsed "To. L<sup>d</sup> Nelson that he know what is doing on board his Ship"
- 129 COLLINGWOOD (Admiral Lord) A. L. s. 2 pp. 4to, *Off Cadiz, Aug. 22, 1808*, to the Duke of Gordon (when Marquis), *interesting* :  
 .... The People of Spain have set a fine example to the rest of Europe in the firm opposition they have given to the French Invasion, etc.  
 A. L. s. 1 p. 4to, from the same, *Feb. 21, 1806*, thanking the Marquis for his congratulations on Collingwood's promotion; and A. L. s. 1 p. 4to, of Charles Marquis Cornwallis (3)
- 130 MOORE (Sir John) General, killed at Coruña, A. L. s. 6 pp. folio, *Sandgate, 28 July, 1803*, to the same, *fine letter*, on the organisation and drilling of troops for war
- 131 MOORE (Sir J.) A. L. s.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  pp. 4to, *Portsmouth, 24 July, 1808*, to the same, *a most interesting letter written on the eve of his departure for Portugal* :  
 .... I am about to proceed to Spain or Portugal with the troops I have brought from Sweden, not in a principal command but as Lieut. General under Sir Hew Dalrymple and Sir Harry Barrard. .... His Majesty's present ministers for what reason I know not have taken some dislike to me, and have treated me in manner and substance so unworthily, that before I left town, I thought it became me to mention to Lord Castlereagh my idea of the treatment I had received, etc.
- 132 WELLINGTON (Duke of) Fourteen A. L. s. occupying 28 pp. 4to and 8vo, and Copy of a Letter from the Duke of Gordon, to Wellington. One long and important Letter from Wellington, *dated Novr. 23rd, 1834*, and marked *Private and Confidential*, relates to the defeat of his government and the summoning of Sir Robert Peel to form a Cabinet (15)
- 133 GLADSTONE (Rt. Hon. W. E.) A. L. s. 7 pp. 4to, *Fasque, Oct. 12, 1844*, to the Duchess of Gordon, a most interesting letter on the subject of Trinity College, the Scottish Episcopal Commission and his views as to the position and functions of the Church of England

- 134 **PEEL** (Sir Robert) A Series of Fourteen A. L. s. to the Duke and Duchess of Gordon on political topics, referring to the Great Seal of Scotland being placed in Gordon's hands, the assumption of the title of Norwich by Sir J. Scarlett, etc. (14)
- 135 **ELDON** (Lord) A Series of A. L. s. addressed to the Duke ; others of Lord Sidmouth, Lord Brougham, etc. (25)
- 136 **LETTERS** from Statesmen to the same, including Mr. Huskisson, Lord Aberdeen, Earl of Derby, Lord Sidmouth, Prince and Princess de Polignac, etc. (30)
- 137 **SCOTT** (Sir Walter) A. L. s. 2½ pp. 4to, *Edinburgh, 2nd January, 1819, fine letter* in reference to Scottish Ballads, and quoting some verses of a song which he says he has heard the late Duchess of Gordon repeat
- 138 **SCOTT** (Sir W.) A. L. s. 3½ pp. 4to, *Abbotsford, 24 March, 1822*, to the Duke of Gordon (when Marquis) asking *inter alia* for his interest with Lord Tweeddale on behalf of Scott's cousin, William Scott of Raeburn
- 139 **SCOTT** (Sir W.) A. L. s. 3½ pp. 4to, *Abbotsford, 12 March* (no year) to the Marchioness of Huntley, *fine letter*, referring to the tale of Walter of Gaick, etc.
- 140 **SCOTT** (Sir W.) A. L. s. 2½ pp. 4to, *Abbotsford, 23 April* (no year), to the same, *fine and extremely interesting letter*, chiefly on the Story of Swinton at the Battle of Halidonhill, which he is embodying in a poem at the request of Joanna Baillie
- 141 **BEATTIE** (J.) Author of "The Minstrel," interesting A. L. s. 3 pp. 4to, quoting some verses ; others of T. Erskine, Mrs. Jameson, Mrs. M. Grant, Merle d'Aubigné, Howley and Sumner, Archbishops of Canterbury, etc. (24)
- 142 **NEWTON** (Rev. John), of Olney, friend of Cowper and joint author of the Olney Hymns. A fine Series of Thirty long A. L. s. 4to, addressed to his friend and patron John Thornton, 1773-8, on religious and other topics, showing his excellence as a letter writer, refers to Dr. Priestley, Romaine, and others (30)
- 143 **GEORGE IV** (King) Seven A. L. s. (with initials), 9 pp. 4to, addressed to Lord Conyngham, referring to Lord Aberdeen, a visit of G. Canning, etc. ; and two others (9)
- 144 **NORTON** (Hon. Caroline) Five A. L. s. addressed to the same, one a very long and interesting one on the appointment of J. Kemble to the censorship, which she bitterly resents ; also A. L. s. of J. M. Kemble to the same (6)
- 145 **THACKERAY** (W. M.) A. Note s. ½ p. 8vo; 36, *Onslow Square, March 15* (no year), to the Hon. Mrs. Ashley
- 146 **OLIPHANT** (Lawrence) Novelist, Five A. L. s. to the same, giving interesting descriptions of his travels, etc. ; others of Cardinal Manning and Dean Stanley (7)

- 147 LAWRENCE (Sir Thomas) P.R.A. A. L. s. 4 pp. 8vo, *Dec. 8th*, 1827, to Lord Conyngham on the completion of a picture ; Nine A. L. s. of Sir E. Landseer, and A. L. s. of Sir David Wilkie and Sir F. Chantrey (12)
- 148 WELLINGTON (Duke of) Three A. L. s. 8vo, *May 22*, 1823 ; etc. (3)
- 149 LETTERS from Statesmen addressed to Lord Conyngham and the Hon. Mrs. Ashley, including Lord Ellenborough, Lord John Russell, Marquis of Lansdowne, Lord Melbourne, Lord Palmerston (several letters), Lord Lytton, Lord Houghton, Talleyrand, and others (29)
- 150 CANNING (George) Five A. L. s. 4to and 8vo, including an important Letter to the King on the late abdicated King of Sardinia (5)
- 151 CAMBRIDGE (Adolphus, Duke of) Several A. L. s. ; others of George, Duke of Cambridge ; Mary, Duchess of Gloucester, the Princesses Augusta and Sophia, addressed to the Hon. Mrs. Ashley (35)
- 152 ADELAIDE (Queen) A Series of upwards of One Hundred and Sixty Autograph Letters addressed to the Hon. William and the Hon. Mrs. Ashley ; also Facsimile of the Autograph Instructions left by the Queen respecting her funeral, *in a cardboard box* (about 160)
- 153 VICTORIA (Queen) A. L. third person, 1½ pp. 8vo, *Buckingham Palace*, August 15, 1838, to Lord Conyngham ; and Three A. L. s. of King William IV (4)

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- 154 BRUMMELL (George Bryan), 1778-1840, generally called "Beau Brummell," the collection of Letters, etc. by or relating to him, formed by his biographer, Captain William Jesse, consisting of FORTY-NINE LETTERS, THREE SETS OF VERSES, AND ONE MEMORANDUM IN BRUMMELL'S HANDWRITING, and Sixty-nine Letters relating to him by well-known contemporaries, including Thomas Moore, Samuel Rogers, Leigh Hunt, C. M. Westmacott, and Lord Melbourne, *mounted by Jesse, about 1845, in 2 vol. 4to, half roan*

\* \* This collection includes all Brummell's letters which his biographer was able to discover, AND IS, IN ALL PROBABILITY,

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**BY FAR THE LARGEST IN EXISTENCE.** The British Museum has only one letter by Brummell, and only four appear to have been sold in these rooms in the last twelve years. Most of those in this collection are addressed to the Honble. Mrs. Harris, who, with her three daughters, Eugenia, Ellen and Maria, was living at Caen, where Brummell lived 1830-40, and where he was arrested for debt in 1835, and are published wholly or in part in Jesse's *Life*, 1844, though fear of offending people still living at that time led to the suppression of some proper names and to the excision of some passages. In particular, there is a curious story of Lord Byron and Miss Chaworth, the printed version of which has been severely mangled.

Byron is also mentioned in a letter of Leigh Hunt, who quotes his judgment of Brummell as a leader of fashion—perhaps the greatest compliment ever paid to the beau :

Lord Byron once described him to me as having nothing remarkable in his style of dress, except a certain exquisite propriety.

In other letters there are some amusing anecdotes of Brummell's extravagant wit :

While he was living at Calais & poor as a rat, an old associate of his who had just arrived by the Packet from England, met him unexpectedly in the street & cordially shook hands with him, saying : " My dear Brummell, I am so glad to see you, for we had heard in England that you were dead ; the report, I assure you, was in very general circulation when I left." " Mere stock-jobbing, my good fellow, mere stock-jobbing," was the Beau's reply.

Many of Brummell's own letters are sprightly and entertaining, and prove that he owed his remarkable ascendancy over the aristocratic society of the Regency to real qualities of intellect and character which would have won him success in other spheres of action. Throughout he remains the dandy, and his most pressing requests from prison are for clean shirts, only in the letter which he wrote the day after his arrest does a note of more poignant emotion appear :

*Caen. Tuesday, 5th May, 1835.*

I still breathe, though I am not of the living. The state of utter abstraction in which I have been during the last thirty hours yet clouds my every sense. I have just received your note. May heaven bless you for all your good devotedness in remembering me at such a moment. I have been the victim of a villain, who has closed upon me without giving me the remotest intimation of his designs. I am perfectly innocent of anything having the least dishonourable conduct in this malheureuse affaire, and, if I was not deserving of the interest you express, as well as your amiable daughters, towards me, I would not demand it. I will write to you when I *can*.

Ever most sincerely yours,  
G. B.

## Other Properties.

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- 155 WELLINGTON (Duke of) A. L. s. 3 pp. 8vo, *May* 15, 1833 ; others of Lord Randolph Churchill, Lord Curzon, Sir G. Grey, Lord Wolseley, Sir G. Baden-Powell, Lord Roberts, etc. (12)
- 156 ALBUM OF AUTOGRAPH LETTERS, including G. A. Sala, Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, Lord Palmerston, Sir A. S. Sullivan, Duke of Wellington, Sir G. Baden-Powell, Therese Tietjens, Lord Wolseley, Lord Randolph Churchill, Sims Reeves. Signatures of R. Browning, H. W. Longfellow, David Livingstone; signed and addressed Envelope by C. Dickens; a two-penny Mulready Envelope ; etc., 4to, *half bound*
- 157 SWIFT. Verses on the Death of Doctor Swift, written by himself, *Nov.* 1731, second edition, 1739, *with manuscript additions, consisting of four hundred and forty lines.* These interesting additions consist partly of notes on the text and partly of actual additions to the verses themselves. It seems almost as if these must have been written by the Dean himself, although the identity of the handwriting is by no means clear, *bound in a vol., half morocco, folio*
- 158 KAUFFMAN (Angelica) Painter, A. L. s. 2 pp. 4to, in English, *Rome, Decr. 6th, 1794*, to Miss Georgiana Keate, *with seal*, interesting letter respecting the present of a drawing ; also the Original Marriage Settlement between Angelica Kauffman and Anthony Zucchi, with signatures of contracting parties and witnesses, 2½ pp. folio, 10 *July*, 1781 (2)
- 159 GIBBON (E.) Historian, A. L. s. 1 p. 4to, *Lucerne, May* 19, 1784 ; also a large number of Letters from Switzerland to Lord Sheffield, relating to Gibbon's death, etc., *in a box*
- 160 BOLINGBROKE (Henry St. John, Viscount) L. s. 1 p. folio, *Kensington, 30th July*, 1714, to the Earl of Northampton :

The Queen has been taken very ill this morning, and the Lords of the Council who are now assembled here upon that occasion have commanded me to write to your Lordship that you do without loss of time come up to town to attend in your post, and to take care of the Tower in this juncture. I am too much in haste to use my own hand.

- \* \* Highly important, referring to Queen Anne's fatal illness—the Queen died on the 1st August, two days after this letter was written. This letter is printed in the "Historical Manuscripts Commission, 11th Report, Appendix, Part IV." On the night of 27th July, 1714, after Oxford had resigned office, the Queen presided over a long protracted Cabinet Council. Instead of the Lord Treasurer's staff being given



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to Bolingbroke it was resolved to put the Treasury into Commission; but the choice of the members of the commission proved too difficult a matter to settle before the Cabinet separated at 2 o'clock in the night. Next morning, the 28th, the Queen was reported too ill to attend to business, and the meeting was postponed to the following day. On the 29th, after being cupped, she seemed better; but on the 30th, in the morning, a fit which the doctors considered to be apoplexy, and treated accordingly, rendered her insensible for nearly two hours. On the 31st the Queen was in a state of lethargy, which continued until a few minutes after seven on the morning of Sunday, 1st Aug. 1714, when she died. Bolingbroke had to flee England the following March. He went to France at the invitation of James Edward the Pretender, and Bolingbroke became the latter's Secretary of State.

- 161 GARRICK (D.) A. L. s. 3 pp. 4to, *Mistley, May 30th, 1778*, to Princess Dashkowa, FINE LETTER, speaking of the successful performance of a composition by the Princess:

... Yesterday a most accomplished musician and an excellent composer did all the justice in his power to your Highness's Composition, the small audience was in raptures, the taste, harmony & pathetic simplicity of the airs were felt from the heart—indeed, Madam, you were judged not as a Princess but as a great Artist. . . . in short, I fear, what one of our Poets once prophesied will most certainly come to pass, *Russia shall teach the Arts to Britain's Isle*, etc.

- \* \* This interesting letter was printed in Mrs. W. Bradford's Memoir of the Princess Dashkowa (1840). She was one of the most remarkable women of the 18th century, was President of the Imperial Academy of Science of St. Petersburg, and was the friend and correspondent of Diderot and others of the leading men of letters and science of the age. The letter was given by Princess Dashkowa to Mrs. Bradford and passed to her son General Bradford, its late possessor.

- 162 ROLAND DE LA PLATIERE. L. s. 1 p. folio, *Paris, 30 Août, 1792*; L. s. as Minister of the Interior, 1 p. 4to, *Jan. 21, 1793*; A. L. of Mme. Roland, 3 pp. 8vo, with postscript of her husband, *corner of leaf torn away, portraits*; and one other (4)

- 163 MILITARY AND NAVAL, including a number of A. L. s. of W. Windham, Papers relating to the Militia Act of 1757, etc. *a parcel*

- 164 AMERICA. D'IBERVILLE (Pierre Le Moyne Sieur), 1642-1706, A. L. s. 2 pp. 4to, *Rochefort, the 18th September, 1703*:

[Translation]. Monsieur de Surgere is not going to la Vera Cruz. He is only to go to the Isle of La Martinique and to St. Domingue and from there to return here. I shall have the means of getting the letter delivered to the person of whom you spoke to me either by myself or by THE SHIP OF THE MISSISSIPPI WHICH WILL SET OUT WITH ME. You would have given me pleasure in detailing to me as to the settlement of the Isles of St. Gabriel in the River de la Plaste,

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whether they are considerable, in what consists their riches whether they are worth the trouble of taking, how many leagues there are in the river and approximately the men and the settlement which is on the main land. If you give me these details as well as the other particulars of that country,—the advantages which France would draw from it, and Spain; if there is plenty of water at the entrance of the River de la Plaste on the bar, if one could anchor beyond the bar under shelter, if there is any estuary of importance, you would do me pleasure in sending them to me. I would cause you to be rewarded, as also for informing me what you know of the forces of the Portuguese of Janeiro and the bay of all the places of their other settlements.

I am with all my heart Monsieur,  
Your very humble servant,

D'IBERVILLE.

What do you think of the war with Portugal of which they speak?  
I am preparing to start at the beginning of November.

[Addressed:] A Monsieur,

Monsieur TOUENARD,  
Rue de Senne,  
A Parys.

\* \* \* An autograph letter of great rarity and importance. D'Iberville, who was the founder of Louisiana, visited the mouth of the Mississippi river in March, 1699, and there built Fort Biloxi, the first outpost. He transferred his Colony to Mobile in 1701, and so began the colonisation of Alabama. D'Iberville is considered to be the finest type of navigator that Canada and France have produced. He was with De Troye on his overland expedition from Canada against the English Forts on Hudson's Bay in 1688-9, and was associated with Frontenac, Ponchartrain, and other noted soldiers.

- 165 GOETHE (J. W. von) His Letters to Johann Friedrich Heinrich Schlosser, *Oct.* 26, 1808 – *May* 28, 1830, FORTY-EIGHT LETTERS, including nine A. L. s. 16 pp. 4to, and thirty-nine L. s. about 100 pp. 4to and 8vo, some having a few lines autograph, some signed with the initial "G." only, and the cover of another (*quite unimportant*) which was given away by Schlosser as an autograph; apart from this the series is believed to be complete, and is of the utmost importance, first published in 1877 (49)

\* \* \* These letters came to be written owing to the following circumstances. In 1808 Goethe's mother died; the poet was her only surviving child, but he was jointly interested in her succession with the heirs of his sister Cornelia, who had died in 1777 as the wife of J. G. Schlosser, of Frankfort. By the laws of succession of Frankfort the fortune was bound to remain in the town, and Goethe, needing a competent representative there, chose the recipient of these letters, J. F. H. Schlosser (1780-1851), son of J. G. Schlosser by a second marriage, to protect his interests.

Though the bond between Goethe and his correspondent was thus primarily of a business character, even the earliest letters testify to their mutual regard, which afterwards

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developed into the warmest affection. Some of the first letters speak of Goethe's portrait by Gerhard von Kugelgen which he presented to his correspondent, and gifts or loans seem to have passed frequently between the two men. At one time Schlosser is thanked for a loan of books; at another for a translation of Giordano Bruno; the various portions of *Wahrheit und Dichtung* are sent to him as published, while in an autograph letter written from Wiesbaden on Aug. 20, 1814, Goethe even asks him to send half-a-dozen artichokes. Two extremely important letters, one of them holograph, written in 1813, the year of Germany's liberation from Napoleon, show Goethe's somewhat languid sympathy with the patriotic movement of the time, and his intense interest in the work of regeneration which was to succeed the wars. Family affairs hold a large place in the letters, and Goethe shows special interest, as is natural, in letters written by Schlosser's brother Christian from Rome in 1811. The range of the great poet's activities is shown by his references on the one hand to the scientific studies which he was ardently pursuing at the time, and on the other to purchases of engravings and majolica in sales by auction; a curious expression of opinion, provoked by the accumulation of classical works of art in the two cities mentioned, occurs in a letter of June 1, 1817:

London and Munich will in future be the free cities of culture.

Altogether the correspondence shows Goethe in an amiable and attractive light, and illustrates his extraordinary capacity to excel in the most varied undertakings.

- 166 PRINCESS HELENA, third daughter of Queen Victoria, A. L. s. 2 pp. 8vo, in German, *May* 25, 1862.—CAMBRIDGE (George, Duke of) A. L. s. 1 p. 8vo (2)
- 167 ARTISTS, AUTHORS, ACTORS, ETC., including Clara Novello, C. E. Hallé, Briton Rivière, Frank Dicksee, T. Woolner, Mrs. Allingham, Edward Sothorn, etc. (29)
- 168 GENERALS, including Sir Redvers Bullers, General MacClellan, Federal Leader in the American Civil War; Sir Richard Church, Field-Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood, Admiral Codrington, etc. (12)
- 169 SCIENTISTS, including Richard Owen, A. H. Layard, Professor Ray Lankester, J. S. Russell, designer of the "Great Eastern," etc. (7)
- 170 STATESMEN, POLITICIANS, DIPLOMATISTS, ETC., including Cardinal Wiseman, the late Marquis of Salisbury, John Bright, G. J. Holyoake, the late Duke of Devonshire, Lord Brougham, Lord Castlereagh, the late Marquis of Dufferin, Lord Palmerston, Lord Stratford de Redcliffe, Lord Aberdeen, Premier at the time of the Crimea War; Earl Grey, author of the first Reform Bill; etc. *a parcel*

- 171 MENDELSSOHN-BARTHOLDY (Felix) the Composer, 1809-47, A. L. s. 2 pp. 4to, *March* 6, 1838, to Franz Bernus-Dufay, announcing his wife's recovery from a dangerous illness following the birth of their first child on Feb. 7, 1838
- 172 MENDELSSOHN-BARTHOLDY (F.) A. L. s. 1½ pp. 4to, to the same, *Oct.* 24, 1846, *from Leipzig*, speaking of plans for a visit to Dresden together, of work in Berlin, and concerts at Leipzig, etc.
- 173 MENDELSSOHN-BARTHOLDY (F.) A. L. s. 2½ pp. 4to, to the same, *Jan.* 14, 1847, thanking him for a present of wine, condoling with him on his wife's illness and making plans for a visit to the Rhine together, etc.
- 174 MENDELSSOHN-BARTHOLDY (F.) Score of the Hunting Song for a male quartette to words by Franz Bernus-Dufay, with the individual parts, *unpublished* (6)
- 175 WAGNER (Richard) A. L. s. 1 p. 4to, *Bayreuth*, *June* 28, 1878, to Constantin Frantz, a warm and affectionate letter, with full transcript and a copy of the "Bayreuther Festblätter," Munich, 1884, *with facsimiles and illustrations* (2)
- 176 WAGNER (Richard) A. L. s. 4 pp. 4to, *Bayreuth*, *July* 14, 1879, to the same, A MOST IMPORTANT LETTER, praising and criticising the latter's book on "*Federalism*," and taking the opportunity to set out at length his own views on the destiny of mankind, in the course of which he shows the influence of the ideas to which he had recently given such powerful expression in "*Parsifal*," *with full transcript* :  
 . . . I can only recognize Freedom of Will in renunciation of the world, that is to say in the approach to the Kingdom of Grace.  
 We will leave Darwinism alone, for here, I think, little can be accomplished by the emotions (Gefühl). Manifestly the beginnings of humanity coincide with the entry of the Lie (Deception, Hypocrisy) into the majestic sequence of evolution; when impregnable truth shall have pervaded every domain of life, God will have manifested Himself, the way from man to Him is compassion, and Its true name JESUS.
- 177 MUSICIANS, including H. C. Banister, F. and S. Hiller, F. David, F. Cowen, etc. *a parcel*
- 178 SPONTINI (G.) Full Score Autograph Manuscript of the "Chant des Cyclopes," 22 pp. folio
- 179 SPONTINI (G.) Full Score Autograph Manuscript of a Work relating to Cortez, 18 pp. folio, *with seal*
- 180 SPENCER (Herbert) A. L. s. 2 pp. 8vo, 14 *No. 1*. (n. y.), to Mr. Rae, *scarce*
- 181 DVORÁK (Anton) A. L. s. 1 p. 8vo (1881), to Herr Dörrfel, in which he mentions his "Gipsy Melodies," *rare*
- 182 WEBER (C. M. von) Autograph Title, "Abu Hassan," etc. signed in full, 9 lines in his hand, on an oval card, probably intended for a title-page for his work of that name in one act

- 183 **BERLIOZ** (Hector) A. L. s. 3 full pp. 8vo, to Heinze, of great interest, in which he discusses with enthusiasm Gluck's "Orfeo," and ends with a glowing eulogy of that composer
- 184 **HEINE** (Heinrich) Autograph MS. Poetry, 1 p. folio, 23 lines, with many corrections
- 185 **HEINE** (H.) Autograph MS. 2 pp. 4to, of a Prose Work, with corrections
- 186 **VOLTAIRE**. A. L. s. "V." 1 p. 8vo, 1770, in which he mentions his "éloge de mon pays," and speaks of his watch-making experiments at Ferney, *unpublished*
- 187 **GESLIN** (Chouan Leader in La Vendée) L. s. "Geslin, général divisionnaire des Chouans," 1 p. 4to, 12 *avril*, 1795, to Cogro, ordering him to come to Sablé, to have an understanding with other chiefs in order to cease hostilities. On May 2nd Stofflet submitted and Saint Florent was pacified, *very rare*
- 188 **BEETHOVEN** (L. von) Composer, A. Note s. 1 p. oblong 8vo, 2 *September*, 1821; A. Note s. 1 p. oblong 8vo (undated); the last note translates as follows: (2)  
 Do me the kindness to address correctly the letter which I enclose to you, as I do not know whether he is in Paris or Bonn, and I am anxious that this letter should reach him quickly. It will also oblige me if you will immediately send it to the post. I will refund the postage to you.
- 189 **WESLEY** (Rev. John) A. L. s. 1 p. 4to, *Norwich, March 6*, 1759, to Mr. Matthew Lower, at the Methodist Preaching House in Whitehaven, respecting a feeling of opposition against a preacher at Whitehaven, concluding:  
 .... Certainly, rather than any Flame should have arisen concerning it, C. Hodgson and the rest ought to have dropt their opposition. What would not one do (except sin) that Brotherly Love may continue?
- 190 **LAMB** (Charles) A. L. s. 1 full p. 4to, *Last day of poor* 1822, an amusing letter, concluding:  
 .... And now give me leave to say for my sister and myself, that on any one of those days in any week we shall be happy to see *Mrs. Kenny's pupil* and *Mrs. Ader's friend*. Mary is at home most mornings while we are at 20 Russell St. Covent Garden, where we shall be two or three weeks longer. Do pay her, if not me, a little visit. Your sister I hope will come with you. Believe me with kind, tho' imperfect rememb<sup>ces</sup> of the little girl at Mrs. Kenny's,  
 Your friend,  
 CHARLES LAMB.
- 191 **COLERIDGE** (S. T.) A. L. s. 2 pp. 8vo (undated), to Mr. Ader. He complains of continued ill-health, mentions Dr. and Mrs. Gillman and Sir H. Davy, speaks of his desire to publish one or two school books, etc.
- 192 **PETER II** (Czar of Russia) Portion of a Treaty of Peace between Russia and Sweden, signed, 1 p. 4to, *Moscow, 10th Aug.* 1729

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- 193 ALBUM containing Signatures of James II, Charles II, James Scott, Duke of Monmouth, Edward VII, Charles XII of Sweden ; Letter of Mary, Duchess of Gloucester ; L. s. by Marshal Bernadotte, with initials of Barras ; A. L. s. of the Duke of Wellington, Lord Melbourne, Barry O'Meara, Lord Erskine, W. Wordsworth (1 p. 8vo), Sir W. Scott (incomplete), Washington Irving, T. Moore, Theodore Hook, C. Dickens (conclusion of A. L. s.), Hablot K. Browne (with humorous drawing), Mrs. Opie (Autograph Verses), Miss Mitford, Sir E. Landseer, Lord Leighton, J. Ruskin (1½ pp. 8vo), Moscheles, E. A. Freeman, J. A. Froude, Count D'Orsay, Sir Joseph Banks, Sir W. Parry, Elizabeth Fry, Countess of Blessington, Sir Henry Irving, Jean Ingelow, J. Liston, Sir J. Moore (third person), Hon. Mrs. Norton ; some Early Newspapers, etc., *folio, half bound*

- 194 BLAKE (William) (?) Autograph Manuscript of "Angels and Devils," *illustrated with 42 original drawings, also by Blake (?) neatly mounted on cartridge paper, calf*  
4to. [c. 1796]

\* \* This remarkable and ENTIRELY UNPUBLISHED volume was sold in Mr. Crawford's sale in 1891.

- 195 ALBUM formerly belonging to Mrs. Jane Field (b. 1791), wife of Baron Field, Judge at Gibraltar, and afterwards to a son of William Swainson, the naturalist, a grandfather of the present owner ; 4to, morocco. *A most interesting little volume.* Besides several drawings by the Fields and Swainson, Mrs. Field secured poems and inscriptions in her book from famous authors. Southey writes :

You must and shall write something, says my friend,  
Well ! if I must, I must . . and there's an end.

ROBERT SOUTHEY.

On the same page C. Lamb contributes an acrostic on an embossed card :

To Mrs. J. F., on her return from Gibraltar : an ACROSTIC.

*Jane*, you are welcome from the barren Rock,  
And Calpe's sounding shores. Oh ! do not mock,  
Now you have raised our greetings, nor again  
Ever revisit that dry nook of Spain.

Friends have you here, and friendships to command,  
In merry England. Love this hearty land.  
Ease, comfort, competence—of these possess,  
Let prodigal adventures seek the rest,  
Dear England is as you a "Field the Lord hath blest."

C. LAMB.

Opposite a very clever pen-and-ink drawing, "Penn'd by Edmund Field," Wordsworth has written :

That gloomy cave, that Gothic nich,  
Those trees that forward lean,  
As if enamour'd of the brook,  
How soothing is the scene !

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No witchery of inky words  
 Can such illusion yield,  
 Yet all (ye landscape-poets blush !)  
 Was *penn'd* by Edmund Field.

*Rydal Mount, 4th Jan'y. 1829.* WM. WORDSWORTH.

Beneath Wordsworth's lines Baron Field has added :

"Words inky !" they're worth more than that :  
 I can't let that go forth :  
 The line that would detract from words  
 Itself shows a *Word's worth*.

Other contributions include a sonnet by Hartley Coleridge, lines by T. Raffles, Horace Smith, L. de Freycinet, etc.

- 196 SWINBURNE (Algernon Charles) Autograph Manuscript of his poem "A Song of Italy," covering 45 closely written 8vo pages, *bound in blue morocco extra* (1867). Bound up with the manuscript are the Original Proof Sheets of the poem with corrections in Swinburne's autograph. The Dedication, which reads "Inscribed with all devotion and reverence to Joseph Mazzini," is also in the poet's autograph
- \* \* \* THIS IMPORTANT MANUSCRIPT was presented by Swinburne to his friend Thomas Purnell, and their names, in Swinburne's autograph, will be found bracketed together on the fly-leaf. "A Song of Italy" was first published in 1867.
- 197 DUMAS (Alexandre, père) Autograph Manuscript signed of his "Conscience l'Innocent," covering 407 pages, large folio, *green morocco*
- \* \* \* This manuscript is signed twice, the Dedication to Monsieur Meline and the presentation inscription. Dumas presented it to Mademoiselle Mathilde Kindt, and it contains his signed autograph inscription to that effect. "Conscience l'Innocent" was first published in 1852.

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## The Property of Colonel Pitcher,

*Buckingham Gate, S.W.*

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- 198 BURNS PORTRAIT, BY PETER TAYLOR. Half-length contemporary portrait, *in oils*, head turned slightly to right, dark green coat, scarlet vest open at the throat, high neck-cloth, hills, tree and lake in the background, 15 in. by 11½ in.
- \* \* \* This portrait was discovered in Edinburgh by a friend of the owner, and shown to the late Sir Theodore Martin, who, after a careful and long examination, said he had no doubt that it was done from life, and is probably a study painted before the famous portrait in the Scottish National Portrait Gallery. It has never been published, excepting in a Scottish newspaper soon after its discovery.

## The Property of Mrs. Whitfield,

*of 25, Drayton Gardens, South Kensington.*

- 199 BURNS (ROBERT) AN EXTREMELY FINE AUTOGRAPH MANUSCRIPT OF HIS FAMOUS POEM, "THE HUMBLE PETITION OF BRUAR WATER TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLE," accompanied by an A. L. s. 2 pp. 4to, *Inverness, 5th Sept. 1787*, sending the poem to Professor Josiah Walker, Blair Athole; the poem, consists of eleven eight-line stanzas, covering 5 pp. 4to. The sixth and seventh stanzas read :

•   •   •   •   •  
 The sober laverock, warbling wild  
   Shall to the skies aspire ;  
 The \*bairdie, Music's tyoungest child,  
   Shall sweetly join the choir ;  
 The blackbird strong, the lintwhite clear,  
   The mavis mild and mellow,  
 The robin, pensive Autumn chear,  
   With all his locks of yellow.  
 This too a covert shall ensure,  
   To shield them from the storms,  
 And coward maukins sleep secure,  
   Low in their grassy forms ;  
 Here shall the shepherd make his seat,  
   To weave his crown of flowers ;  
 Or find a sheltering safe retreat  
   From prone-descending showers.  
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\* Gowdspink.

† Gayest in *printed version*.

It will be noted that the Manuscript differs in a few particulars from the printed poem. Burns spent two days with the family of the Duke of Atholl during his northern tour in August, 1787, and in the accompanying letter to Professor Walker, he writes :

I have just time to write the foregoing and to tell you that it was, at least, most part of it, the effusion of the half hour I spent at Bruar. I don't mean it was extempore, for I have endeavoured to brush it up as well as Mr. Nicol's chat and the jogging of the chaise would allow. It eases my heart a good deal, a rhyme is the coin with which a poet pays his debts of honor or gratitude : what I owe to the noble Family of Athole of the first kind, I shall ever proudly boast ; what I owe of the last, so help me God in my hour of need ! I shall never forget ! etc.

\* \* There is every evidence to show that the above is the original version of the Poem, and the earliest Manuscript of it in existence ; *contained in two frames*.

- 200 BURNS (Robert) Autograph Manuscript of his well-known Address to his child, entitled "A Poet's Welcome to his Bastart Wean," 2 pp. folio, containing the full number of



Thou'st welcome wean ; mishanter fa' me,  
If thoughts o' thee, or yet thy mammy,  
Shall ever dauntin me or awe me,  
My sweet, wee lady ;  
Or if I blush when thou shalt ca' me  
Tyta or daddy.

For if thou be what I would hae thee,  
And take the counsel I shall gie thee,  
I'll never rue my trouble wi' thee,  
The cost or shame o't.  
But be a loving Father to thee,  
And brag the name o't.

\* \* The above fine Manuscript agrees in the main with the printed version, but shows several minor variants, and the arrangement of the stanzas is different. It does not seem to correspond with any of the manuscripts of the Address noted in the Centenary Edition. The fly-leaf has the following pencil memorandum: "Robert Burns, sent by him to my grandfather, Prof. Walker, about 1785-7." Also, in *Burns' handwriting*, "The Composer of Lucy Campbell's Strathspey a Mr. Cumming at Castle Grant," *framed*

*of Carrick House, Ayr, N.B.*

(SOLD BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTORS.)

- 201 BURNS (Robert) Autograph Verses, 2 pp. folio (46 lines), containing (1) Verses on reading in a newspaper the death of J—— Mc——, Esq. (John McLeod), brother to Miss Isabella Mc——, a particular friend of the Author's. Seven stanzas of four lines each. The following stanza (the fifth) is not published in the Paterson edition :

Were it in the Poet's power,  
Strong as he shares the grief  
That pierces Isabella's heart,  
To give that heart relief.

Burns made the acquaintance of Miss Isabella McLeod during his first visit to Edinburgh. Her brother, John McLeod, of Rasay, representative of the main Lewis branch of the clan, died 20th July, 1787 (Centenary Edition, where the above MS. is referred to as B).

(2) Epigram to Mr. E—— (Elphinstone), on his translation and commentaries on Martial:

Lot 201—*continued.*

O thou, whom Poesy abhors,  
Whom Prose has turned out of doors;  
Heardst thou yon groan?—proceed no further!  
Twas laurell'd Martial calling murder!

(3) Lines wrote on the blank leaf of a copy of my first edition, which I sent to an old Sweetheart, then married:

Once fondly lov'd and still rememb'red dear,  
Sweet early object of my youthful vows;  
Accept this mark of friendship, warm, sincere,  
Friendship—'tis all cold duty now allows.

And <sup>while</sup> ~~when~~ you read the simple, artless rhymes,  
One friendly sigh for him—he asks no more,  
Who, distant, burns in flaming\*, torrid climes,  
Or haply 'lies beneath 'th Atlantic roar.

\* I was then going to the West Indies.

The sweetheart referred to was Peggy Thomson, of Kirkoswald. In the *Glenriddell Book* Burns notes: "Twas the girl I mentioned in my letter to Dr. Moore. . . . Poor Peggy! Her husband is my old acquaintance, and a most worthy fellow. When I was taking leave of my Carrick relations, intending to go to the West Indies, when I took farewell of her, neither she nor I could speak a syllable. Her husband escorted me three miles on my road, and we both parted with tears."

- 202 BURNS (Robert) A. L. s. "Sylvander," 2 pp. 4to, *Saturday morn* (12 *Jany.* 1788), to Clarinda (Mrs. Agnes Maclehose), *an extremely interesting letter, the eleventh he wrote to her*:

. . . . If your verses, as you seem to hint, contain censure, except you want an occasion to break with me, don't send them. I have a little infirmity in my disposition that where I fondly love or highly esteem, I cannot bear reproach. "Reverence thyself" is a sacred maxim, and I wish to cherish it. I think I told you Lord Bolingbroke saying to Swift, "Adieu, dear Swift! with all thy faults I love thee entirely; make an effort to love me with all mine." A glorious sentiment, and without which there can be no friendship! I do highly, very highly esteem you indeed, Clarinda! You merit it all! Perhaps, too, I scorn dissimulation. I could fondly love you: judge then what a maddening sting your reproach would be—"O, I have sins to *Heaven*, but none to you" . . . .—I am interrupted—perhaps you are not sorry for it—you will tell me—but I won't anticipate blame—O Clarinda, did you know how dear to me is your look of kindness, your smile of approbation! you would not either in prose or verse risque a censorious remark.

Curst be the verse, how well so e'er it flow,  
That tends to make one worthy man my foe.

- 203 BURNS. An extremely fine and most interesting Letter from Mrs. Maclehose, s. Clarinda, 5 pp. 4to, *Sunday*, 8 *ev.* (27 *Jan.* 1788), addressed to Burns:

Sylvander, when I think of you as my *dearest* most attached *Friend*, I am highly pleased—but when you come across my mind as my *Lover*—something within gives a sting resembling that of guilt! tell me why is this? It must be from the idea that I am another's—what? another's Wife! Oh! cruel fate—I am indeed bound in an "iron chain"! forgive me if this should give you pain—you know I

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must (I told you I must) tell you my genuine feelings, or be silent . . . while I breathe these fervent wishes, think not of anything but pure disinterested regard prompts them—there are fond, but chimerical ideas—but they are never indulged but in the hour of tender endearment when

Innocence

Look'd gaily smiling on ; while rosy Pleasure  
Hid young desire amid her flowing wreaths,  
And poured her cup luxuriant mantling high,  
The sparkling heavenly vintage Love and Bliss !

\* \* This letter comes from the Gibson Craig Collection.

- 204 BURNS (Robert) A MAGNIFICENT A. L. S. "Burns," 6 pp. 4to, *March 3rd (concluded March 22nd)*, 1794, to Cunningham. The famous letter, commencing :

Since I wrote you the last lugubrious sheet, I have not had time to write you farther—When I say that I had not time, that, as usual, means that the three Demons, Indolence, Business & Ennui, have so completely shared my hours among them, as not to leave me a five minutes fragment to take up a pen in. Thank Heaven, I feel my spirits buoying upwards with the renovating year—now I shall in good earnest take up Thomson's songs—I dare say he thinks I have used him unkindly & I must own with too much appearance of truth, though if offences come only from the heart, I assure him that I am innocent—A propos, do you know the much admired old Highland air called "The Sutor's dochter,"—It is a first-rate favourite of mine & I have written what I reckon one of my best songs to it. . . . Here follows the song I have mentioned :

Song—Tune, *Sutor's dochter*.

Wilt thou be my dearie ;  
When sorrow wings thy gentle heart,  
Wilt thou let me chear thee ?  
By the treasure of my soul !  
That's the love I bear thee !  
I swear and vow that only thou  
Shall ever be my Dearie !  
Only thou I swear and vow,  
Shall ever be my Dearie

Lassie, say thou lo'es me ;  
Or if thou wilt na be my ain,  
Say na thou'lt refuse me.  
If it winna, canna be,  
Thou for thine may chuse me,  
Let me, Lassie, quickly die,  
Trusting that thou lo'es me !  
Lassie let me quickly die,  
Trusting that thou lo'es me.

He then asks Cunningham to get a Highland stone cut with his arms, which he proceeds to describe :

I am a bit of a Herald & shall give you secundam artem, my Arms. On a field, azure, a holly-bush seeded, proper, in base ; a shepherd's pipe & crook saltier-wise, also proper, in chief. On a wreath of the colours, a wood lark perching on a sprig of bay tree, proper ; for Crest—Two Mottoes. Round the top of the crest "Wood notes wild" At the bottom of the shield, in the usual place "Better a wee bush than na bield."

He then speaks of Allan Ramsay and again refers to Thomson, and respecting the latter, says :

I am sorry I did not know him when I was in Edin<sup>r</sup> but I will tell

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you a plot which I have been conceiving: you & he shall in the course of this Summer, meet me half way, that is at the Beild Inn & there we will pour out a Drink Offering before the L—d & enter into a solemn League and Covenant, never to be broken nor forgotten

Wha first shall rise to gang awa,

A cuckold, coward loun is he

Wha first beside his chair shall fa

He is the King among us Three.

BURNS.

- 205 BYRON (Lord) A. L. s. (initials), 4 pp. 4to, *October 13th, 1823*, to Mr. (afterwards Sir John) Bowring, *fine and interesting letter on the subject of Greece, etc.* :

Since I wrote to you on the 10th instant, the long-desired squadron has arrived in the waters of Missolonghi and intercepted two Turkish corvettes—ditto transports—destroying or taking all four—except some of the crews escaped on shore in Ithaca—and an unarmed vessel, with passengers, chased into a port on the opposite side of Cephalonia. The Greeks had fourteen sail, the Turks *four*—but the odds don't matter—the victory will make a very good *puff*, and be of some advantage besides. I expect momentarily advices from Prince Mavrogordato, who is on board and has (I understand) despatches from the Legislative for me; in consequence of which after paying the squadron (for which I have prepared and am preparing) I shall probably join him at sea or on shore. . . . . I have written to our friend Douglas Kinnaird on my own matters, desiring him to send me out all the further credits I can command,—and, I have a year's income, and the sale of a manor besides he tells me, before me,—for till the Greeks get *their* loan, it is probable that I shall have to stand partly paymaster, etc.

- 206 COLERIDGE (S. T.) A. L. s. (initials), 4 pp. 4to, *n. d.* to Mr. Tulk, regarding the supposed indifference of Murray to publish his works. He speaks of "that interesting species of 'the Gentleman' the courteous and dignified British merchant." The bottom on one page is cut, but apparently without injuring the text of the letter

- 207 EMERSON (R. W.) A. L. s. (initials), 2½ pp. 8vo, *Manchester, 2nd March* (1848), to T. Carlyle, *with envelope*, announcing a visit the following day, and inviting himself to dinner: "Thanks that you keep the door so wide open for me still. I shall always come in."

- 208 LAMB (CHARLES) AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT SERIES OF EIGHT AUTOGRAPH LETTERS, COVERING TWENTY-EIGHT FOLIO PAGES CLOSELY WRITTEN, addressed to his intimate friend Thomas Manning. A most interesting series, including the best of the Manning Letters in which references to all his friends abound. They are printed in *Ainger*, but *several passages are omitted*. They comprise:—

- (a) A. L. s. "C. Lamb," 4 pp. folio, 15 *February*, 1801, in reference to Wordsworth's "Lyrical Ballads." In his Notes to vol. I, p. 327, Ainger refers to it as "the following singularly interesting letter of Lamb to Manning, which unfortunately came into my hands too late for insertion in the text, but

Lot 208—*continued*.

with which I most gladly enrich my notes." He then proceeds to quote it as far as the middle of the third page, omitting the reference to George Dyer, whom he castigates rather severely, and concludes :

Now to my own affairs. I have not taken that Thing to Colman, but I have proceeded one step in the business. I have enquir'd his address, and am promis'd it in a few days. Meantime 3 acts and a half are finished galloping, of a Play on a Persian Story, which I must father in April. But far, very far, below Antonio in composition. O Jephtha, judge of Israel, what a fool I was !

- (b) A. L. s. "C. Lamb," 4 pp. folio, 19 *February*, 1803, *Ainger, vol. I, p. 194*. A most amusing letter on Manning's journey to China :

..... For God's sake dont think any more of "Independent Tartary." What are you to do among such Ethiopians? Is there no *lineal descendant* of Prester John? Is the chair empty? Is the sword unswayed? Depend upon it they'll never make you their King, as long as any branch of that great stock is remaining. I tremble for your Christianity. They will certainly circumcise you. Read Sir John Mandeville's travels to cure you, or come over to England. There is a Tartar-man now exhibiting at Exeter Change. Come and talk with him, and hear what he says first..... Have a care, my dear friend, of Anthropophagi! their stomachs are always craving. 'Tis terrible to be weighed out at fivepence a-pound, etc.

- (c) A. L. s. "C. L." 4 pp. folio, 10 *May*, 1806, *Ainger, vol. I, p. 228*. Ainger gives one P.S. in his notes which he says Talfourd omits. He, however, himself omits another. An intensely interesting letter respecting the "Tales from Shakespeare," etc. :

.... Mary (whom you seem to remember yet) is not quite easy that she had not a formal parting from you..... She is doing for Godwin's bookseller twenty of Shakespear's plays, to be made into children's tales. Six are already done by her; to wit The Tempest, Winter's Tale, Midsummer Night, Much Ado, Two Gentlemen of Verona & Cymbeline & the Merchant of Venice is in forwardness. I have done Othello and Macbeth and mean to do all the Tragedies. I think it will be popular among the little people. Besides money. It's to bring in 60 guineas. Mary has done them capitally. I think you'd think so, etc.

- (d) A. L. s. "C. Lamb," 4 pp. folio, 5 *Dec.* 1806, *Ainger, vol. I, p. 234*, where two passages are omitted (1) on a French woman's hair, (2) a description of the actor De Camp, *a most interesting letter* :

.... Those Tales from Shakespear are near coming out and Mary has begun a new work.... Rickman and Captain Burney are well; they assemble at my house regularly of a Wednesday—a new institution. Like other great men I have a public day, cribbage and pipes, with Phillips and noisy Martin..... Coleridge is come home, and is going to turn lecturer on Taste at the Royal Institution. I shall get £200 from the theatre if Mr. H. has a good run, and I hope £100 for the copyright. Nothing if it fails; and there never was a more ticklish thing. The whole depends on the manner in which the name is brought out, which I value myself on as a chef-d'œuvre. How the paper grows less and less! In less than two minutes I shall cease to talk to you, and you may rave to the great wall of China. *N.B.*—Is there such a wall? etc.

- (e) A. L. s. "C. L." 4 pp. folio, 26 *Feb.* 1808, *Ainger, vol. I,*

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p. 243, *where several passages are omitted.* He speaks of Hook, Hazlitt, Rickman, Kemble, Coleridge, etc. ; mentions his two forthcoming books, "The Adventures of Ulysses" and "Specimens of English Dramatic Poets," and continues in reference to the failing of his farce :

. . . . So I go creeping on since I was lamed with that cursed fall from off the top of Drury Lane Theatre into the pit something more than a year ago. However, I have been free of the house ever since, and the house was pretty free with me upon that occasion. Damn'em how they hissed ! It was not a hiss neither, but a sort of a frantic yell, like a congregation of mad geese, with roaring sometimes like bears, mows and mops like apes, sometimes snakes that hiss'd me into madness. 'Twas like St. Anthony's temptations. Mercy on us, that God should give His favourite children men mouths to speak with, to discourse rationally, to promise smoothly, to flatter agreeably, to encourage warmly, to counsel wisely, to sing with, to drink with, and to kiss with, and that they should turn them into mouths of adders, bears, wolves, hyenas, and whistle like tempests, and emit breath through them like distillations of aspic poison, to asperse and vilify the innocent labours of their fellow-creatures who are desirous to please them ! etc.

(f) A. L. (*signature cut off*) 3 pp. folio, 2 *Jany.* 1810, *Ainger*, vol. I, p. 255. He gives a most charming account of his chambers, no. 4, Inner Temple Lane :

. . . . I have two sitting rooms ; I call them so par excellence, for you may stand, or loll, or lean, or try any posture in them, but they are best for sitting ; not squatting down Japanese fashion, but the more decorous use of the post—s which European usage has consecrated. I have two of these rooms on the third floor, and five sleeping, cooking, etc., rooms, on the fourth floor. In my best room is a choice collection of the works of Hogarth, an English Painter of some humour. In my next best are shelves containing a small but well-chosen library. My best room commands a court, in which there are trees and a pump, the water of which is excellent cold, with brandy, and not very insipid without . . . . I continue Mr. Lamb. I have published a little book for children on titles of honour ; and to give them some idea of the difference of rank and gradual rising, I have made a little scale, supposing myself to receive the following various accessions of dignity from the King, who is the fountain of honour—as at first :

- 1 Mr. C. Lamb
- 2 C. Lamb, Esqr.
- 3 Sir C. Lamb, Bt.
- 4 Baron Lamb of Stamford
- 5 Viscount Lamb
- 6 Earl Lamb
- 7 Marquis Lamb
- 8 Duke Lamb

It would look like quibbling to carry it on further, and especially as it is not necessary for children to go beyond the ordinary titles of sub-regal dignity in our own country ; otherwise I have sometimes in my dreams imagined myself still advancing, as 9th, King Lamb ; 10th, Emperor Lamb ; 11th, Pope Innocent ; higher than which is nothing on earth, etc.

(g) A. L. s. "C. Lamb," 3 pp. folio, *December 25th*, 1815, *Ainger*, vol. I, p. 298, a most amusing and characteristic letter, commencing :

Dear old Friend and absentee—This is Christmas Day, 1815, with

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us; what it may be with you I don't know, the 12th of June next year perhaps; and if it should be the consecrated season with you, I don't see how you can keep it. You have no turkeys; you would not desecrate the festival by offering up a withered Chinese bantam, instead of the savoury grand Norfolkian holocaust, that smokes all around my nostrils at this moment from a thousand firesides. Then, what puddings have you? Where will you get holly to stick in your churches, or churches to stick your dried tea-leaves (that must be the substitute) in? What memorials you can have of the holy time I see not? A chopped missionary or two may keep up their idea of Lent and the wilderness; but what standing evidence have you of the Nativity? etc.

- (h) A. L. s. "C. L." 2 pp. folio, 10 *May*, 1834, *Ainger*, vol. II, p. 297, *the last letter he wrote to Manning*. A most interesting and pathetic letter, speaks of the constant recurrence of Mary's malady, his old friends, etc.:

... Mary strives and struggles to be content when she is well. Last year, when we talk'd of being dull (we had just lost our 7 years old nearly inmate), and Cary's invitation came, she said, "Did not I say something or other would turn up?" In her first walk out of the house, she would read every Auction advertisement! along the road. and when I would stop her, she said, "These are *my* playbills." She felt glad to get into the world again; but then follows low-ness, etc.

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- 209 O'CONNELL (Daniel) A. L. s. 3 pp. 4to, *Dublin*, 21 *May*, 1839, to Joseph Parkes, *with franked envelope*. Advises that an English peerage should be given to Lord Boyne, to secure his son's (Hamilton) political influence
- 210 PERCY (Thomas) Bishop of Dromore, A. L. s. 3 pp. 4to, *Oct.* 5, 1803, to Edmond Malone, speaking of the entire loss of sight in one eye, etc.
- 211 RAMSAY (Allan) Scottish Poet, Autograph Manuscript of "The Monk and the Miller's Wife" and "Advice to Mr. — on his Marriage," 11 pp. folio
- 212 RITSON (Joseph) A. L. s. 1 p. 4to, *Gray's Inn*, 30th *July*, 1802, to John Scott of Edinburgh, apologising for not calling on his last visit to Edinburgh
- 213 RUSKIN (John) A. L. s. 2 pp. 8vo, *Denmark Hill*, 13 *Feb.* 1867. A forcible and characteristic letter. He says he does not care to write or publish more because he:

Is convinced that the spirit of the age is such as to render it wholly impossible to nourish or receive any great art whatsoever. It has polluted and crushed out Turner into the madneses which you saw . . . . it has turned your Gustave Doré into a mirror of the mouth of hell, made your Gérôme an indecent modeller in clay instead of a painter, and puffed up the conscientious vanity of the Germans with unseemly mimeries of ancient error.

- 214 SHELLEY (Mary Wollstonecraft) A. L. s. 2 pp. 12mo, to John Poole, dated *Saturday*, thanking him for an offer of a box at the theatre, and abusing the weather, "What a fatal mistake it is that there should be an opinion current that England is an habitable country."
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\* \* \* Note in Lady Ritchie's handwriting on envelope enclosing above : "The first occasioned much anger at the time, the Irish taking it as an insult to the singer. The second is written as a sort of explanation."
- 217 WELLINGTON (Duke of) A. L. s. 3 pp. 8vo, *June 12, 1839*, to T. G. Philips ; A. L. s. "W." 2 pp. 8vo, to Miss Williams, *April 6, 1848* (2)
- 218 ELIZABETH'S PRIVY COUNCIL. Order s. by R. Cecil, Earl of Salisbury, the Earl of Nottingham, R. Lord North, etc., *Whitehall*, 28 Nov. 1599, for payment of £42 6s. 8d. for the ship "Elizabeth" of Falmouth
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*Born in Dorchester, Massachusetts, Increase Mather graduated M.A. at Harvard in 1656. After his return from England he was ordained minister of the New North Church at Boston in 1664, and remained in charge until well over his eightieth year. His career in New England was one of great eminence. At the Boston Synod of 1680, he held the post of President and wrote the Preface to the famous "Confession of Faith" then agreed upon. In Oct. 1683, Charles II called upon the colony of Massachusetts to surrender its charter, but Mather attended a public meeting of*

*the freemen of Boston, and procured a unanimous refusal. He was thus an early champion of American freedom. Mather was elected President of Harvard College in 1684, was graciously received by James II upon the Declaration of Liberty of Conscience, and obtained the removal of Governor Andros from William III. He also received from the King an enlarged charter for the colony of Massachusetts.*

*His son, Cotton Mather, mastered many languages at Harvard, and joined his father (and afterwards succeeded him) in the ministry at North Church, Boston. A leading spirit in civil and ecclesiastical matters, he published no less than 383 books, of which his best known is "Magnalia Christi Americana."*

## MATHER (INCREASE).

- 221 Letter 1. Dated *Boston, 20th Nov. 1713*. Mentioning his son Cotton Mather and relative to the Indians :

The Corporation (Society for the Propagation of the Gospel) has, I believe, done a good service for ye interest of Religion and Christianity among ye Indians in Martha's Vineyard by purchasing that land for them without which they could not have had a comfortable subsistence in that island. Old Japhet's death (who had faithfully preached ye Gospell to them many years) has bin a great weakning to them, and occasioned divisions in ye Indian Church about a successor.

A reference to the new British Parliament follows :

It is a sickly time in this Town. The measles prove mortal to many. My son has buried his wife (who was a very virtuous person and a great blessing to his Family), etc.

- \* \* \* The reference to the death of his son's (Cotton Mather) wife adds a personal touch to this important letter. This was probably Cotton Mather's first wife—he married three times.

- 222 Letter 2. Dated *Boston, 22 Dec. 1712*. Relative to Mr. Leverett's demands from the Commissioners. Mr. Leverett is a lawyer, states the Dr., and was employed to defend the Indians' title to certain lands which some English had encroached on. For this he received £20, but when the Government made him a Magistrate he claimed £30 per annum for a recompense, etc.

- 223 Letter 3. Dated *Boston, 22 June, 1714*. Mentioning "Indian Affairs :"

An honest man (his name is Parsons) belonging to Dr. Williams' congregation in London, who arrived in Boston ye last weeke ; informs me yt Dr. Williams told him . . . yt hee was inclined to devote some part of his estate to encourage ye Gospellizing of ye Indians in New England . . . I understand yt hee is at a loss whom he may make trustees for ye faithfull management of wt. he is disposed to give for ye encouragement of preachers to ye Indians.

Mather praises their present Governor of Massachusetts and hopes he will be continued in the post. Then follows a very interesting personal paragraph :

As for mysele, I blesse the Lord, I enjoy my health and vigor to ye wonder of mysele and friends. Yesterlay I arrived to ye 75 year of my age, yet am able to preach in ye largest Meeting house in

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N(ew) E(ngland) to ye hearing of two thousand souls wh. is an uncommon favour of God. The Lord help me to be humbly thankful and fruitfull in old age.

Increase Mather concludes with a reference to the death of his own and his son's (Cotton) wives:

I am bereaved of my Consort (as is my son of his) whom God had made a great blessing to me for about 52 years. The dearest creature enjoyments must be taken from us, or us from them. It is comfort enough yt. in heaven we shall be forever with ye Lord, etc.

224 Letter 4. Dated *Boston*, 22 Nov. 1714. Urging that the then Governor of Massachusetts be continued in his post:

Hee, the Governor, has of later years ingratiated himself with ye people . . . and I believe ye generality of ye people had rather have him continue than to have one sent from England, especially one whose sentiments in Religion shall differ from wt. is ye general profession of this country.

Some say the Governor has been guilty of notorious bribery, whether this is so Mather does not consider it his business to enquire. Reference to George I's accession follows:

I doubt not but since there is such a happy turn of affairs by ye Queen's (Anne) death and King George his accession to ye Crown, you . . . . . will have an interest in ye Ministry. And your goodness is so diffusive as to extend to New England.

The final paragraph is again relative to Dr. Williams' desire to bequeath part of his estate "towards ye Gospellizing of ye Indians in America," etc.

225 Letter 5. Dated *Boston*, 10 Oct. 1718. Thanking Sir William for his kindness to New England in securing such a Governor as Governor Shutz for them. Mather also thanks him for Mr. Wentworth who acquits himself worthily in a similar post in New Hampshire. The important part of this letter, however, is of personal interest. Mather writes:

I remember you once sayd to me in London, that you believed God had special mercy in store for my family because of my endeavours for ye good of his people and Church in ye land . . . . . I must need acknowledge to ye prayse of Free Grace yt, your Conjecture . . . has been verified. Not long since I heard a Son and a Grandson both of them ye same day preaching in my pulpit here in Boston, wch. is a rare mercy ye like not known in New England, the Grandfather, Son and Grandson all born in N(ew) E(ngland). I am desired by ye Church in Roxbury, if I live to 29 of ye instant October, to ordain a Grandson in ye Pastoral office, in yt. Church to be conjunct with his Father, my son Walter, who succeeds the Reverend Mr. Eliot. This also is a special favour of God. For a man to live to ordain not only a Son (as I have done about 30 years since) but a Grandson also is a rare favour of God. The Lord pardon my unthankfulness. I am yet preaching in ye largest congregation in N(ew) E(ngland). But I have seen an end of all perfection, and am longing every day to be in a better world, etc.

The Dr. concludes by stating that he sent (in the summer) to Lady Ashurst "one of my last books."

\* \* \* The reference to the famous preacher among the Indians, Dr. Eliot, is important.

## MATHER (COTTON).

226 Letter 1. Dated *Boston, New England, 10th Oct. 1712.*  
Mather begins this extremely interesting correspondence as follows :

The American Colonies, whereto belongs the Hand that now addresses you, can afford nothing that is great, and little that is New to Entertain you.

Continuing he states :

The Commissioners proceed in their care about our Christianized Indians. We have employ'd Visitors to go unto all the Villages of our Indians and bring us an exact Information of their condition, their numbers, their desires, their wants, and how things are carried on among them . . . . . One of our most languishing and withered Indian Villages is that of Natick . . . . which our famous Eliot made ye more distinguished and peculiar object of his Travels. That which has reduced them to scarce Thirty Families . . . . and scarce half so many at either of the next Villages, has been chiefly their exposed situation in this grievous time of War, and perhaps a little hard usage from some superiours, who know how to make their penn'orths out of them. But we are employing our most exquisite studies to form a more considerable Town in that place, by bringing their neighbours to a Cohabitation with them, and having them under a good Government and protection. The grand concern of Reprinting the Indian Bible often comes under our consideration. The most of your Commissioners (Society for Propagation of the Gospel) are averse to doing it at all, and rather hope to bring the rising Generation by Schools and other wayes, to a full acquaintance with ye English Tongue, . . . . . My own opinion is that the profession of Anglicising our Indians is much more easy to be talk'd of than to be accomplished. It will take more time than the Commissioners who talk of it, can imagine. 'Tis more than you have done to this day for your *Welch* neighbours and captives . . . . . The reprinting of the Indian Bible will be much sooner and cheaper done at *London* than at *Boston*. The experiment we made in printing ye Psalter not long ago, convinced us what a tedious and expensive undertaking that of the Bible must be, if in this place it be gone upon. Seven years would not be enough to finish the work at our presses, whereas little more than a seventh part of the Time would perhaps despatch it with you ; if such a person as *Mr Grindal Ravson*, or Mr Experience Mayhew (both of whom are most expert masters of the Indian language, and preachers to ye Indians in it) might pass over the Atlantic and keep close to the supervisal of the press-work. And the cost there would be surprisingly short of what it must be with us.

Advises the addition of Adam Winthrop to the Commissioners. Mather belittles his own services in the cause and suggests resigning his own position to a more able man :

The truth is considering ye pastoral care of ye largest Flock in ye English America . . . . . I am rendered less capable of doing what I could wish to do in this particular affair . . . . . what I am now pressing is, the Introduction of Christianity among the Mouhegen (Mohican?) Indians of *Connecticut* who, alas, remain obstinate pagans to this day. And I am not without hopes that the excellent governour of that Colony, whose Heart is in the cause, will one day or other help us to accomplish it, etc.

\* \* \* The references to Dr. Eliot, the Indian Psalter, and to reprinting the Indian Bible are important.

227 Letter 2. Dated *Boston, New England, on the 31st of October, 1713*. Mentions the Evangelist affairs among the Indians in and about Boston, the expenses for the support of which have insensibly grown upon the Commissioners for those affairs. When the Treasury has been empty several generous gentlemen have paid the salaries of the "Ministers and Schole-masters among the Indians." Mather therefore suggests that the Board should pass regulations limiting the expenses of the Commissioners to a sum of which the Association can afford. Reference to the land-interest of the Indians being made serviceable "to the great interest of all" follows. A "vertuous" Major Thos. Fitch one of the Commissioners has already lent them money, and now offers £500 or more to serve all present payment if his bills on London will be accepted. Mentions Colonel Winthrop whose accession is "acceptable" and "seasonable unto us." "The deplorate (*sic*) state of dying Mr. Sergeant admonishes all of us to a wise and warm dispatch of what good we have to do in the world." In a postscript the Reverend Divine mentions a Circular Letter sent by the Commissioners to the English ministers employed in the service of the Indians.

228 Letter 3. Dated *Boston, 7 Dec. 1713*. Relative to "the Evangelical affairs among the Indians here." After stating that nothing very considerable has occurred, Mather continues:

The most considerable has been an Essay to send the Gospel of God our Saviour unto some forlorn and wretched companies of Indians in the colony of Connecticut; who formerly have rejected the tenders that have been made them of the great salvation, and continue to this hour in horrid paganism tho' they have been for seventy years together in the bowels of a Christian Colony. I formerly wrote as pressing a letter as I could unto the General Assembly of Connecticut, that the Government there might be prevailed withal, to exert their care, with the Advice of their Ministers, to revive the work of Christianizing the Indians that are under their influences. They began to do something which yett came to nothing. But I hope this New Essay of ours, under the countenance of their excellent governor, will have an Harvest anon to be rejoiced in. I suppose, our Secretary, Judge *Seical*, will send your honour, the Journal of our Missionary.

Mather states that he has solicited the Governor of New York to make efforts to Christianize a body of Indians yett in the darkest and vilest heathenism upon Long Island." The Governor, says Mather, will do his best "But I wish he may not find his generous intentions clogged by some English people of very bad character, with insuperable difficulties." Peace is "after some sort" restored between "our Frenchified Indians Eastward." Efforts to Christianize them will soon be made. The writer then asks pardon for the Solecism of opposing "Frenchified" and "Christianized." A story of how one of these Indians was found to be the son of an English woman named Cloyse who had been taken captive by a band of skulking Indians when an infant twenty-five years before, follows. Efforts to make the Indian lords pay are being made and Mather concludes with a request that the ladies will accept two or three Indian "Composures just now published."

- 229 Letter 4. Dated *Boston, 7th December, 1713*. Mather represents "the present state of Christianity among your Indians and the conduct of your Commissioners relating to it:"

..... The commissioners in whose hands you have now entrusted that noble Affair, of propagating the Gospel among our Aboriginal Natives, are such as have the affair very much at heart, and are extremely solicitous to have it reserved from Inconveniences, which had been for some time insensibly growing upon it. Meetings are more frequently held and an exact account of ye condition of every Indian Village, and they successively consider what is to be done for each Village that Religion may flourish, and every good Interest be maintained there. One of their last actions was to despatch a Circular Letter unto the English Ministers, who attend and inspect the Work of Christianity among the Indians ..... nothing will be left undone ..... for the welfare of your Indians.

An interesting account of Sir William's business astuteness follows:

Your prudent purchase at *Martha's Vineyard*, I hope, will prove a notable peece of good Husbandry; for there are those who already appear, that would give much more than double your price for it. And there is of it not only enough to accommodate the Indians, but also the best part of Two Thousand Acres more, which may be so leased out as to bring in anon some Revenue for the common Benefit.

The need of finances is next broached and Mather states that:

An old mortgag'd and almost useless piece of land at Charlestown was sold for an unexpected sum, to supply funds. The Secretary of the Society has presented his last year's salary to the corporation and unto the service of our Saviour and his Indian subjects. I hope, it will not be long before we have done something further for the Conversion of the Mouhegan (Mohican?) Indians in Connecticut. One of our most grievous concerns is the Decay of Christianity among the Indians of Natick and Hussianienesco (?), which, lying on the Frontiers, in the long War that has been upon us, from the French and Eastern Salvages (savages), they have been unavoidably exposed unto very difficult and languishing circumstances ..... But that you may see a little of the Christianity breathing in some of your proselytes, I will enclose a copy of a short Instrument lately written by the dying hand of old master Japhet, when a very great age had superannuated him, ..... That famous Indian is he of whose nativity you have a remarkable Relation in our *Magnalia Americana*, etc.

- 230 Letter 5. Dated *Boston, 1st April, 1714*. Concerning the furnishing of legal powers under certain guardians of the Christian Indians, whereby their unoccupied lands may be reserved from English encroachments and applied to "such uses" and disposed with such leases as to bring in a considerable revenue, which may be united with yours, for the support of the main interest. A very curious paragraph follows:

I must ask pardon of some in the world, if I presume to say, that I know a mighty Society for the propagation of Religion in foreign parts, whose Revenues are much more ample than yours and who for Number and Figure are such as to raise the greatest expectations concerning their performances, and yet they are not able to shew such considerable effects of their great pretensions and advantages and such valuable services to the kingdome of God, as you, Sr. and the Society at the Head of which you are placed, can shew of your lesser ones.

\* \* \* Mather sends a poem in the three learned languages, "all formed and written by an Indian youth" who is being educated for the service, etc.

- 231 Letter 6. Dated *Boston, 7th July, 1714*. The first paragraph of this interesting letter concerns the learned young Indian mentioned in the preceding letter. Mather informs Sir William Ashurst that the Indian fell sick of a fever and died :

My poor offer of our *Biblia Americana*, I doubt comes very unseasonably, in regard of the horrible distractions and confusions which we feel you running into. May the glorious God give a good and quick Issue to them. 'Tis well we have a Saviour who sits King for ever, and can still the noise of the Seas and the tumult of the people.

\* \* In a postscript the writer refers to the bearer of this letter, Colonel Ryfield.

- 232 Letter 7. Dated *Boston, 12 Aug. 1714* :

Your grand revolution on the First of August has affected these Plantations in a very uncommon manner, and we comfort ourselves with Hopes, that our King will extend his Benign Rayes to his American Colonies ; where he has diverse hundreds of thousands of subjects, but none more loyal and faithful to Him and His House, than those of New England.

\* \* This highly important paragraph refers to the accession of the New reigning house (of Hanover) in England, whose earliest representative was George I. He was proclaimed King on the 1st August, 1714 (the date mentioned by Mather). The writer next refers to the Governor of New England (Massachusetts) whom he praises. Many wish to retain him rather than receive a stranger or one "of not our nation." "Nor have I forgotten what Chrysostom did for Eutropius." The safe arrival of Sir Charles Hobby is mentioned. Mather, before finally invoking the Divine Blessing upon Sir William Ashurst's head, apologises for having written this letter "without one Indian curiosity."

- 233 Letter 8. Dated *Boston, 17 Sept. 1714*. Mather sends Sir William the *Duodecennium Luctuosum* as the Indian Entertainment promised :

I should not have putt into this packett any New Offer of our *Biblia Americana* but that you may be sensible that one of your servants, who always counts that you putt an undeserved respect upon him, when you lay upon him any of your commands, has also found the time to do some other things unto which your Commands have not extended.

After speaking of the merit this work has attained, Mather says :

Yett I have no expectation of it ever getting without the walls of a private library while the character of a New Englander and a Non-conformist must run so low as it does on your side the water. From the Dissenters I must expect nothing for such reasons as I am not fond of mentioning. Especially since the death of Mr. Matthew Henry, etc.

\* \* Cotton Mather's *Biblia Americana* is even now still unpublished.

- 234 Letter 9. Dated *Boston, 24th October, 1714*. Relative to the care they have for the Indians, and to a project for starting a Bank, as business has grown to such an extent that a Bank

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is deemed necessary. But certain ill-willed people who have power with the Government have obstructed the project so that the projectors "prostrate themselves before the King, for his Royal Favour to it." Asks Sir William for his advice. Encloses one or two American treatises. This letter is conveyed, says the writer, by the hand of General Nicolson.

- 235 Letter 10. Dated *Boston, 10th March, 1715.* Sending Sir William Ashurst "a further Account of those Evangelical Affaires among our Indians, which are one of those many Articles, that your generous Thoughts are employed upon":

..... We have in our New England near Two Hundred Churches, wherein Christianity is maintained with as little a Taint of the Epidemical Corruptions as any part of the Christian World can pretend unto. And some of those Churches, are of the Indians, under your Influence.

\* \* This account of his "poor and mean country," Cotton Mather thinks will please Sir William, whose services to New England "cannot be forgotten." Reference to Colonel Adam Winthrop follows, his "accession to the number of your Commissioners is a very sensible advantage to our affairs," etc.

- 236 Letter 11. Dated *Boston, 20 March, 1715.* Recommending a very valuable friend (Captain Ribton) to his notice.

- 237 Letter 12. Dated *Boston, 24 March, 1715.* Sending Sir William some Squash seed:

It comes by a tame Indian; for so the Europeans are pleased sometimes to denominate the children that are born in these Regions. More plainly, 'tis my own Son. A youth of sixteen. .... But one who, having passed thro' the learned and polite education of our schools, has chosen a life of action rather than of study, etc.

- 238 Letter 13. Dated *Boston, 18 August, 1715.* Relative to Mather's unpublished Manuscript "Biblia Americana a work waiting to see its publication encouraged." Mather encloses a copy of "A New Offer to the Lovers of Religion and Learning," which gives "a brief account of the work." Sir William is assured

that altho' the Author has all this while, even ever since his being seventeen years of age, had lying upon him the ponderous employment of the Evangelical Services which the greatest Church in these Colonies has expected from him, and tho' he has in this while undergone the Humiliations of publishing more than two hundred and fifty books, of several dimensions on various arguments, in diverse language, yett through the most generous assistance of God our Saviour unto the unworthiest of men, there is performed in the Biblia Americana, more than all that is promised in the advertisement.

The idea has occurred to him, states Mather, that the "Treasures with which the work is enriched" would be acceptable if separated and issued in so many "costly volumes." The writer calls his work "the richest collection of the most valuable treasures in so little a room, that ever



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the Church of God was entertained withal." The work, however, labours under discouragement

The Booksellers are generally such, that a celebrated Author thinks the most opprobrious term he can putt upon them, is to say, in one word, "they are Booksellers."

Public spirit is, with the Dissenters, drowned in their emulations, and literature is not "overvalued" by them

It has truly been surprising unto me to read the little absurd, ridiculous exceptions which have been made against this work, among some of my Brethren. Indeed, the Good Spirited Mr. Henry several times in his letters to me expressed his good will in this undertaking. But Mr. Henry is dead. I am sensible he is dead. The survivors are apparently of opinion that a poor American must never be allow'd capable of doing anything worth anyones regarding. It carries in it a tacit rebuke to ye sloth of people more advantageously circumstanced. Encouragement in the main comes from England, Scotland and Ireland, etc.

\* \* \* The above letter covers 2½ closely written folio pages and is of the utmost importance as it illustrates the poor reception some of Dr. Mather's works received and his own high estimate of those works.

239 Letter 14. Dated *Boston, 5th January, 1716.* Relative to the important *Biblia Americana* the "*Opus Ecclesiae* which is now waiting for the light." It is "a work wherein all sorts of persons will find themselves accommodated with Entertainments. . . . My own little Countrey subscribe for at least One hundred. *Scotland* and *Ireland* as well as many parts of *England* offer me to subscribe liberally as soon as they shall know where and how." Mather requests Sir William's influence and patronage for the work. He does not expect much encouragement from the *Dissenters*. Reference to "Reforming Europe" follows :

Behold, Syr, *A System of Religion*, consisting of and confined to such articles as all Good men (for the most part at least) are united on ! Articles which afford a sufficient Basis for an *Union* among all the Good men in the world. The Articles of their Goodness : The Choice Grain of the purged Floor. An Essay never yett so explicitly made on the Church of God ! . . . . . The Millions of people in the World, who are pressing and Craving after a *Real and Vital Religion*, are here accommodated ; and with a brevity of purpose not ill-contrived. God will go on distressing the sinful nations, till there be produced a people that will unite upon these Maxims and this people will grow into a mighty mountain. 'Tis not amiss for an obscure *American* as well as others to make offers unto the Grand services that is now to be prosecuted. . . . . I may not break off without a word upon the Evangelical Affairs among the Indians. After I had solicited the Governor of *New York*, with addresses for the Christianizing of ye Pagan Indians of Long Island, but found him so encumbered with his Enemies, who were all ye High-Church party that *the Good he would have done he did not*, I obtained a promise that our ministers on that Island would sett themselves to do what they could for that Intention, and especially for Catechising the Children of ye Indians, which are now generally in English Families.

References to the Eastern and *Massachusetts* Indians follow and Mather says : "we have *Negroes* as well as Indians in many of our Families," etc.

240 Letter 15. *Dated Boston, 1 June, 1717.* The General Convention of Ministry, says Mather, desire to thank Sir William for his paternal regard for America "which from no consideration but a generous inclination to do good unto an honest people you have taken under your auspicious patronage." They are, however, "particularly thankful for the vast and most comprehensive Benefit you have done us, in procuring for us a Governor, who renders us as happy as any other people upon earth." Prays that Sir William's name "will ever be precious in the colonies," and his memory perpetuated. Mather encloses two or three American printed publications, etc.

241 Letter 16. *Dated Boston, 5th November, 1722, addressed To Mr. Emanuel Matthews, Bookseller, At the Bible in Paternoster Row, London :*

It is a point of Real Distress to me, that you should be one moment beyond a proper Time out of ye money due to you for the copies of The Christian Philosopher sent unto *New England*. It has long been ready for you, in the hands of the Honest Bookseller, to whom the Books were committed, whose name is *Mr. Samuel Gerrish* (of Boston). The extreme difficulty of making returns from hence, as it has hitherto retarded his doing his Duty, so it now drives him to this method for it. The Corporation for ye Propagation of the Gospel among our Indians (whereof that Honourable and Excellent person, *Mr. Robert Ashurst* is the Governour) make Annual Remittances hither, by Bills of Exchange payable here.

Gerrish therefore requests Matthews (through Dr. Mather) to ask Governor Ashurst for a bill to be drawn by the Company upon him, etc.

\* \* "The Christian Philosopher," mentioned above, was one of Dr. Cotton Mather's works.

242 Letter 17. *Dated Boston, Oct. 27th, 1726, to Mr. Holles.* "The subject upon which I now address you is *The Relation of what the Grace of God has done on one Island of our Christianized Indians*," a work by Mather. Suggests that if published by a London (England) bookseller the work would appear quicker than if done in Boston. It would not cost so much and be better done. But the work has been undertaken by a pious bookseller in Boston named Samuel Gerrish. Mather concludes this letter with another reference to the Indians

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